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## Vets A Drag?

Thank you for "Vets a Drag on the Budget?" (April). Never before in my 53 years have I been moved to write a letter or express my feelings to any publication, but when I finished reading that, with tears running down my face, I felt that I must thank you for putting my feelings on paper.

Every day I drive 35 miles to visit my husband in a VA nursing home. At times I want not to go, but when I think about what put him there in the first place, I am ashamed, and I go. So many people have forgotten the young men and women of the '40s, and just what they did for us.

*Cleta Smith  
McGregor, Texas*

Charley Reese demonstrated rare empathy. I was just 11 months old when World War II came to an end, but I have often thought in later years of our World War II vets as the "barefoot kid in a sleepy Georgia town" waving at a troop train.

The Allies' victory was a team effort of not only GIs, but also workers on the home front, as I have reminded my father, a retired buyer for a meat-

packing company. At the time, Dad was involved with dispersing rations, and my late mother-in-law inspected live .50-caliber rounds at an ordnance plant.

In the spirit of Reese's article, our flag will fly on VE Day and VJ Day.

*Thomas A. Frank  
Detroit Lakes, Minn.*

This is the most eloquent and heart-warming story about World War II veterans that I have ever read. Volumes of books and speeches have praised and honored our veterans of all wars, but none has given as true a picture.

*Vincent A. Danz  
Lancaster, Penn.*

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*George T. Lonergan  
Warwick, R.I.*

## Discovery

"The Edge of Discovery" (March) will help spread the word about the benefits in health care and agriculture that are already here or on the way, thanks to biotechnology, and we appreciate the article. One correction is necessary, however. Although tissue-

plasminogen activator is extremely effective for heart-attack victims, it has not been approved for use by stroke victims. But new uses for TPA and other leading biotechnology discoveries are being avidly pursued on a daily basis.

*Richard D. Godown  
Washington, D.C.*

## April Fool?

"Why INF Is Good For NATO" (April) needs correction. Since the West doesn't know how many SS-20s the Soviets have or at what locations they are stored, since 99 percent of the USSR is permanently off-limits for verification inspection, verification is non-existent.

Our new national-security adviser, rather than acting as a transmission belt for communist "disinformation," would do well to look out for the security of our nation.

*William W. Falconer  
McAlpin, Fla.*

## C'mon, Men!

I just finished reading the March articles by the National Commander and by Georgia Anne Geyer, and I am sick, disgusted and mad about what is happening in Central America because of our politicians. They have eliminated any chance of a free democratic government being put in force by voting against military aid for the Contras.

Who does [Jim] Wright think he is that he can determine whether to send the Contras what they need? He certainly does not speak for 240 million people in this country, and I think it's time we let him know it.

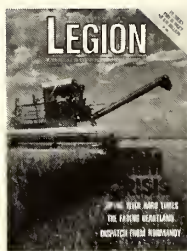
*John H. York  
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## American Values

As I read THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE and see American values being lifted up and praised, I am proud to be a 20-year member. It's a mystery why so many of America's leaders have trashed the values that have kept our country strong for so many years. Please don't relax your positive influence.

*Del Brown  
Sioux Falls, S.D.*

## Gung Ho!



Gung ho, the rallying cry made famous by the U.S. Marines, is a Chinese expression that means "working together."

That's precisely what the National Commander and several hundred Legionnaires did in April, when they banded together to squelch a proposal that threatened the bill that would make the VA a Cabinet-level department.

Action began after Comer learned that the amendment was slated to be attached to S. 533, which would have forced the bill back into committee and all but killed its chances of passage in this term. The commander launched an opposition movement that longtime politicians called unprecedented.

In rapid succession, Comer telephoned department commanders in 13 states; sent letters to those commanders and to the National Executive Committee, the

National Legislative Commission, Past National Commanders, and the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission; then went to Washington, D.C., and met with key members of Congress.

Comer's masterful leadership galvanized more than a hundred Legionnaires into attending the Senate hearing, and generated more than 250 letters a day from concerned Legionnaires during the week of hearings on the proposed amendment.

The results? As we went to press, S. 533 was en route to a Senate vote, *without amendments*.

The lesson to be learned here is best exemplified by Thomas Hudson, the protagonist of Ernest Hemingway's *Islands in the Stream*, who, shortly before he was riddled with bullets and crumpled to the deck of his boat to await death, realized that "... a man alone ain't got a chance."

The clear message is the critical value of unity, of teamwork, of working together. Gung ho.

*The Editors*



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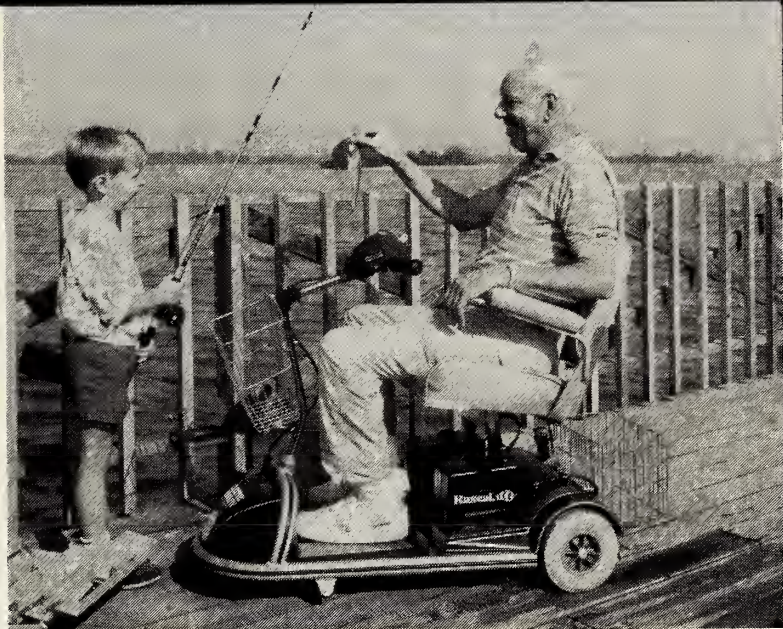


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In my 25 years as a Legionnaire, especially as National Commander, I have come to appreciate and understand a common thread that weaves Legionnaires together: We are flag-wavers, but more important, we are flag-lovers.

Legion history abounds with examples of love and respect for the flag. The Legion was directly responsible for the adoption of the U.S. Flag Code by Congress in 1942. Although the wheels of government moved slowly, it was the Legion that put those wheels in motion 19 years earlier, when it organized and sponsored a National Flag Conference in Washington attended by 68 patriotic and civic groups.

Since those days, The American Legion has been recognized as the unofficial custodian of the code, and chief promoter of flag etiquette and respect. The American public has come to learn that answers to questions about the flag are as near as the local Legion post.

During my travels in the past several months, however, I've been shamed by a disturbing trend that is gripping the nation. Maybe you also have noticed that fewer American flags are flying in front of homes today. Even more alarming is the all-too-frequent absence of the flag in our classrooms. And how often have you seen spectators and athletes at high-school, college and professional sports events, or at parades, fail to stand and put their hands over their hearts as the flag passes by or as "The Star-Spangled Banner" is played? Many Legionnaires



*Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer*

I meet express similar concerns. So what can we do about it?

For openers, we can encourage fellow Americans in our communities to display the flag not just on patriotic holidays, but every day. We can visit our schools and ensure that every classroom is equipped with an American flag. Our message should be clear: We come bearing the flag so that America's future leaders will not grow up without its message of individual liberty and justice for all.

Many of our posts already are engaged in programs to promote use of and respect for the flag. Many have donated flags to their schools and communities, and have lined the paths to our veterans' cemeteries with Old Glory. I commend them for their initiative. But there is more to be done and more projects to undertake. For example, Maryland Legionnaires have donated more than \$14,000 to help restore badly neglected Fort McHenry, the besieged rampart of the War of 1812 that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the words to our national anthem. Maryland Department officials assure

me that the "Patriots of Fort McHenry" campaigners will not relax until the restoration is complete and the Star-Spangled Banner again waves proudly over the historic fort.

When we promote proper display and respect for the flag, let us not forget to encourage and emphasize the daily Pledge of Allegiance — which, according to some dismal reports, has become a pledge of negligence in many quarters.

The flag is the unifying symbol for all Americans, but it has a special meaning for veterans. It is the banner under which they served in war and peace, and the shroud of eternal glory that cloaks those who sacrificed their lives in defense of our freedom. Our military men and women serve today in the Persian Gulf and in other hostile regions of the world because they believe in the American ideals that the flag symbolizes.

Perhaps their sacrifices and the sacrifices of all veterans are embodied in the words of PNC Alvin M. Owsley, who so eloquently wrote:

"Other flags mean a glorious past; this flag, a glorious future. It is not so much the flag of our fathers as it is the flag of our children, and of all children's children yet unborn. It is the flag of tomorrow.

"Don't be ashamed when your throat chokes and the tears come, as you see it flying from the masts of our ships on all the seas or floating from every flagstaff of the republic. You will never have a worthier emotion. Revere it as you would revere the signature of the Deity.

"Listen, son! The band is playing the national anthem: 'The Star-Spangled Banner'! They have let loose Old Glory yonder. Stand up — and others will stand up with you."

I invite you to stand tall with me and my family on June 14 — and every day — when we pause to pledge allegiance to our flag, the most visible symbol of freedom in the world. □





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45-54	35,420	30,360	25,300	20,240	15,180	10,120	5,060	2,530
55-59	19,320	16,560	13,800	11,040	8,280	5,520	2,760	1,380
60-64	12,880	11,040	9,200	7,360	5,520	3,680	1,840	920
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## Vote Notes

The voting-age population will total 183 million when citizens go to the polls in November. Americans born at the height of the baby boom represent the largest group of eligible voters — 43.5 percent, according to Census Bureau estimates.

The second-largest group of potential voters — 25.2 percent — consists of people 45 to 64 years old. The 65-and-older group steadily has increased to 16.8 percent of the total.

Voting-age women are expected to outnumber men by 8 million, or 52 percent of the eligible population. Blacks will represent 11 percent of the voter population; Hispanics, 7 percent.

## Your Tired, Your Rich

For a \$1 million investment in the United States, a foreigner who wishes to immigrate would be given preference if Congress passes legislation proposed in the Senate.

The measure would set aside 4,800 visas for entrepreneurs who put up at least \$1 million for new businesses that would employ 10 or more American citizens. These investors could become permanent resident aliens if their projects hold up for two years; after five years in business, they could become citizens. But if their investments fail or are illegally funded, the projects would be canceled and the immigrants deported.

Opponents denounced the legislation as being a way to sell citizenship, with the \$1 million price tag favoring the rich. Advocates argued that the measure would provide employment.

## Toys "R" Dangerous

Toys can be deadly, especially if they have points. Lawn darts in particular are so dangerous to children that Sen. Pete Wilson of California is urging Congress to ban the game.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has rejected prohibiting the sale of lawn darts; instead, it has placed several restrictions on the sale and distribution of the yard game. However, Wilson said, manufacturers and retailers often disregard the CPSC regulations.

Wilson said that over a nine-year period, 6,100 people were treated in emergency rooms for dart injuries; 50 percent of them were less than 10 years old. Three children were fatally injured. With 1.5 million lawn-dart sets being sold each year, he said, the situation will get worse if Congress fails to act.

## Whistle While You Work

It's been seven years since the White House and Congress agreed on a program to reward civilian whistle-blowers with cash for disclosures of fraud, waste or mismanagement in the federal government. Few, if any, such awards have been made, except in the Department of Defense.

Major agencies in the program maintain that cash induce-

ments are not needed and that employees should make disclosures as a matter of duty, according to a survey conducted by the General Accounting Office. All the workers need, the GAO was told, is a guarantee of protection against reprisals.

The DoD, on the other hand, has granted 25 awards totaling \$30,000 for disclosures that led to direct savings of \$29 million and an additional savings of \$14 billion in unnecessary expenses. The DoD program is permanent, but the cash-inducement system for the civilian agencies expires in September. Congress will have to decide whether to continue or drop the project.

## Semper Fidel?

For nearly 30 years, Fidel Castro has been one of the world's most brutal dictators. Yet during those decades, the United Nations Human Rights Commission has refused to investigate allegations of torture and political imprisonment in Cuba, according to the leaders of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. A U.S. resolution that would have forced a U.N. probe failed last year by a single vote.

In an effort to round up more support for an investigation, Rep. Dante B. Fascell of Florida, chairman of the House committee, and Rep. Bill Broomfield of Michigan, ranking minority member, attended the commission's recent meeting in Geneva. The legislators have vowed to press the issue at the next session of the U.N. group, especially among U.S. allies. Some of those allies voted against the resolution even though they privately express concern about human-rights violations in Cuba.

## Federal Mediocrity

Unless citizens become aware of the danger and do something about it, our nation could well wind up with a mediocre federal government. That's the crisis facing the United States, according to Paul A. Volcker, former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and now chairman of the National Commission on Public Service.

Post-World War II enthusiasm for public service has diminished to the point that of 365 Yale seniors, only one chose a government post, Volcker said.

Our bureaucracy can be only as good as the people in it, but the talent is disappearing at a time when the best minds are needed to solve complex problems such as nuclear safety and environmental hazards, Volcker noted. His commission hopes to inspire more citizens to serve their country.

## Quote Of The Month

*It is the disaster of our time that the three institutions that share the responsibility of transporting us successfully from past to future through the present — family, church and school — have undergone a rapid and nearly simultaneous deterioration.*

John R. Silber  
President, Boston University







# SHOULD CONGRESS REDUCE CAPITAL-GAINS TAX?

**Rep. Ernest L. Konnyu, R-California**

Several months ago Congress passed the budget for fiscal 1988. This bill was roughly 82 days past due, which can be attributed largely to negotiations on a bipartisan deficit-reduction package.

## YES



We in Congress must begin working now on a deficit-reduction package for future years. This package should significantly cut spending and roll back the current heavy taxation of savings and investments. One positive tax move in particular would set the capital-gains tax rate at 15 percent.

History has proved that we can raise revenue to meet deficit-reduction targets by cutting the capital-gains tax rate. When we reduced the rate on capital gains in 1978, revenue from capital-gains taxes rose from \$8.1 billion in 1977 to \$11.7 billion in 1979.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 eliminated the preferential tax rate on capital gains, which now are taxed as ordinary income. This will affect the formation of capital and surely will result in a tax-revenue loss over the next few years.

The current capital-gains tax rate will adversely affect small businesses' ability to raise equity capital, since it reduces venture capitalists' willingness to take the risks involved in funding innovation and technological research. History has proved this to be the case; higher capital-gains taxes imposed in 1969 inhibited the efficient use of capital, and virtually dried up the funds available for risky new ventures and new technologies. It is said that America's revolution might never have been launched without the 1978 cut in capital-gains taxes.

Higher capital-gains taxes reduce the liquidity and efficiency of capital markets. Higher capital-gains taxes reduce taxpayers' willingness to realize capital gains. Higher capital-gains taxes reduce the amount of tax revenue that the federal government receives.

It is essential that we restore preferential capital-gains tax treatment to a maximum rate of 15 percent. Enacting this legislation could add billions of dollars to the federal treasury, and would give a tremendous boost to high technology and other industries that are seeking venture capital. This would keep the United States ahead of its international competitors, most of which impose no capital-gains taxes at all. ☐

**Rep. Donald J. Pease, D-Ohio**



## NO

When President Reagan sent Congress his budget proposal for fiscal 1989, many of us were surprised to learn that he thinks the most important tax priority for the 1990s is to re-establish the preferential rate for capital gains.

Coming only weeks after the Tax Reform Act of 1986 became fully effective, the President's suggestion that Congress open a brand-new loophole was very disappointing, since his consistent personal support for tax reform had been so essential to the enactment of that historic legislation in the first place.

The simple fact is that cutting the capital-gains rate is a terrible idea. First, it would not be fair to the vast majority of taxpayers. It would shift the tax burden from high-income taxpayers to low- and middle-income taxpayers. Second, when we had a capital-gains preference, we also had a tax system with high marginal rates and more than a dozen brackets. Now we have only two tax rates, both of them low. The rationale for a capital-gains differential just isn't there anymore.

Proponents of the differential will argue that it will be a boon to investment in industry. There is no question that re-establishing the preference would stimulate the moribund tax-shelter industry.

Under our former tax code, the distinction between capital gains and ordinary income formed the cornerstone of most tax-shelter schemes. According to the provisions of that code, if you could convert ordinary income to capital gains, you could avoid some taxes. Shutting down these dubious enterprises was one of the proudest achievements of the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

Eliminating the capital-gains differential was an essential component of the agreement that made possible the large cuts in the marginal tax rates. In short, if the capital-gains differential had not been eliminated, there would not have been tax reform.

We members of the Senate and the House struggled very hard in the Tax Reform Act of 1986 to do away with privileged classes of taxpayers in this country, and I think that we can be proud of how well we succeeded. Those who believe that tax reform was a good thing ought to be willing to give it a chance to work, and that means leaving capital gains alone. ☐

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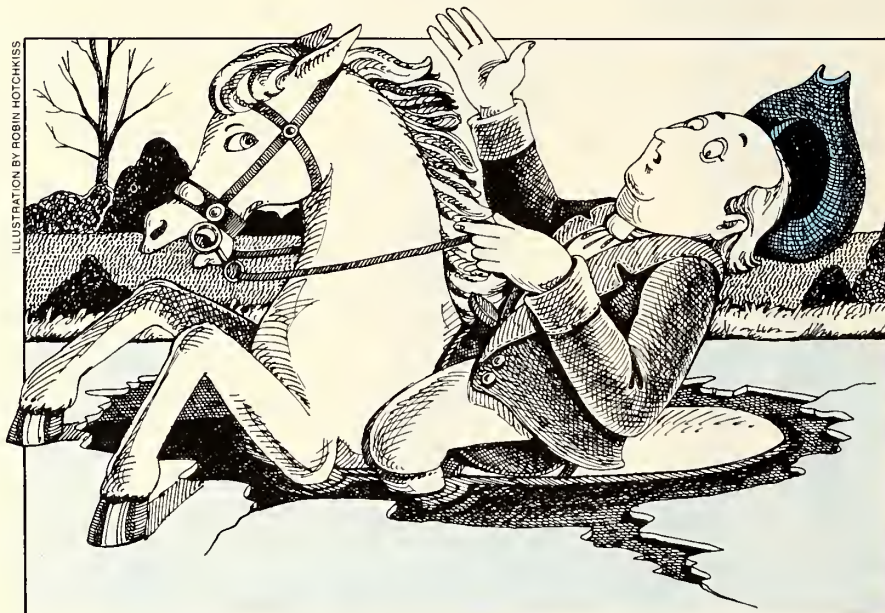
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# LEONARD HAS FROSTBITE

The setbacks continue: Leonard is laid up, Andrew learns that you can't use just any old iron to build Army cannons and people are tired of lending him money.



By John Rickey

Colonial Army

19 January 1778  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Andrew Farnsworth  
President  
Farnsworth & Cooper Cannon  
& Carriage Company  
Wilfred Corners, Massachusetts

In Reply,  
Refer to: SRA 9922

John Rickey, a former Air Force pilot, is an executive in the defense industry.

Dear Mr. Farnsworth:

With reference to raw-material acquisition mentioned in your letter of 17 November 1777, you are advised that under Public Law 6344, defense contractors are authorized to utilize raw materials stockpiled by the government in order to reduce surpluses that have been accumulated therein. Paragraph 19A of Public Law 6344 directs defense contractors to purchase at least 78 percent of all iron used in the production of goods and equipment for the colonial government from surplus stocks. Iron stocks stockpiled nearest Wilfred Corners are located at Colonial Army Storage Depot, Building 7, Village of Springfield, Massachusetts.

As a defense contractor on T2C-3 Weapons Systems for the Colonial Army, you are advised that use of scrap materials is acceptable for such units up to a maximum of 22 percent of total weight. All additional iron weight is to be

made up of government-surplus iron stocks. You are hereby authorized to purchase no more than 550 pounds or no less than 435 pounds of iron from the Springfield Depot. Failure to meet this requirement will disqualify the prototype cannon being constructed by your company.

By Order of the Commanding Officer  
Major Hollis Corby  
Contracting Officer  
T2C-3 Weapons Systems  
Weapons Procurement Branch  
Headquarters, Colonial Army  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

HC:jb

cc to: Captain Earl Hawkins  
Plant Representative  
T2C-3 Contracts

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February 19, 1778  
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Major Hollis Corby  
Contracting Officer  
T2C-3 Weapons Systems  
Weapons Procurement Branch  
Headquarters, Colonial Army  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Major Corby,

Although we are having one of the hardest winters we ever had, I'm still working on the cannon. Leonard hasn't been able to help on it because of his frostbite.

Leonard and I made a trip to your Springfield Iron Depot after we got your letter. The first time we went down we didn't have any government-surplus purchase-authorization papers, but the man you have running the depot got us some and helped us fill them out. We could have gotten the iron then, but we had to come back to Wilfred Corners and get the Contracting Officer's Representative's signature.

We went back to Springfield the next day, but after we got the iron loaded on Leonard's wagon, it began to snow and blow, and Leonard's bay mares couldn't pull the wagon through the drifts. We left the wagon and rode the mares back to Wilfred Corners. We'd been out in the cold all night by the time we got back. Leonard's horse stumbled as we crossed Limestone Creek and he fell through the ice, but the water wasn't very deep. Just the same, he got pretty wet, and by the time we got home, Leonard's right hand and his ears and both feet were frozen, and he's still in bed. It sure took a lot out of him.

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# THE REAL MEANING OF GLASNOST

*Just before the historic 1987 summit, Gorbachev told his people: "We are moving toward a new world, the world of communism. We shall never turn off that road."*

By Philip C. Clarke

ON THE eve of the Washington summit, an attempt by about 100 Jewish "refuseniks" to demonstrate in Moscow for the right to emigrate was ruthlessly suppressed by five busloads of KGB agents disguised as peace activists. They roughed up the protesters and arrested 27 of them. An American correspondent, Peter Arnett, was knocked down and hauled away for four hours of questioning.

It was a blunt reminder that for all the talk of peace, democratization and human-rights reform under Gorbachev's celebrated policy of *glasnost*—translated as "openness" in English and "publicity" in Russian—the Soviet Union remains the world's largest police state, where dissent is limited by the club.

The contrasts between promise and performance are striking. Despite enthusiastic supporters' claims that the Soviets have begun "a second Russian Revolution," promising freedom from tyranny, most changes appear to be tentative and superficial. The release of some of the better-known dissidents and the approval of exit visas for a few long-separated family members are encouraging, as far as they go. But the forced-labor camps and psychiatric wards still are filled with countless numbers of nameless resisters, and

internal passports still control the movements of Soviet citizens.

Gorbachev insists that only a few dozen Soviet Jews still wish to leave. But the U.S. State Department and Jewish-refugee sources place the number at 400,000. In a few places, the secret ballot is being tried, but all of the candidates are communist-endorsed. In the one-party USSR, political opposition is strictly *nyet*.

The "rehabilitation" under *glasnost* of previously banned writers, artists and other public figures is cause for

rejoicing. But many of the more prominent "rehabilitees" are long dead. The appearance of Western-style jazz, blue jeans and fast food denotes a departure from the grim rigidity of the Stalinist past. Yet the military draft is a sober reminder of the priorities of the Soviet Union's 5.13 million-man armed forces and the replacement needs of the 115,000 Soviet soldiers in Afghanistan, now in its ninth year of a savage war of conquest.

Playing a peacemaker role, Gorbachev wins popularity polls in the West and is named *Time*'s "Man of the Year." But meantime, Gorbachev's Kremlin secretly promises Nicaragua's Sandinistas Soviet MiGs and support for a 600,000-man army, and continues to disseminate vicious anti-American propaganda and disinformation throughout the Third World. Among the lies: The U.S. Army spreads AIDS, and the Pentagon is building an "ethnic bomb" to kill blacks only.

WHAT Gorbachev's *glasnost* has done domestically is release ordinary Soviet citizens' pent-up anger and frustration about the excesses, ineptitude and corruption of the nation's massively entrenched bureaucracy, estimated by some Sovietologists at a mind-boggling 25 million paper-shuffling functionaries. The outburst of public indignation is deliberately

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**CRUMBLING FACADE** — Although Gorbachev's openness apparently won over many Americans during the summit meeting, Soviet citizens back home have become less enthusiastic about *glasnost*, which promises much but delivers little.

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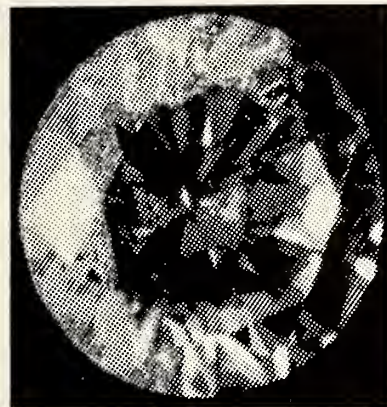
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## SCRAPS OF LIFE

By Sen. John McCain

**F**ROM the beginning, the North Vietnamese had kept us in small cells, with only one or two prisoners in each cell. However, during the final years of our imprisonment they moved us into larger rooms, where as many as 30 to 40 men lived together. It was a vast improvement; the new situation enabled each of us to draw on the companionship and strength of our fellow prisoners. This change in conditions was a direct result of public pressure put on the North Vietnamese by the American people.

In addition to moving us to the new quarters, our captors began to allow us to receive packages and letters from home. Many men received word from their families for the first time in several years. In my cell was a fellow Navy officer, Lt. Cmdr. Mike Christian. From various packages, Mike slowly gathered bits and pieces of red and white cloth. Eventually, he accumulated enough of this cloth to suit his purpose. Using a piece of bamboo he had fashioned into a needle, he sewed a United States flag on the inside of his shirt, one of the blue pajama tops we all wore.

Thereafter, every night in our cell, Mike would put his shirt on the wall, and we would say the Pledge of Allegiance. While the pledge may no longer be a daily part of our lives, at that time it was the most important ritual of our day. To see the flag of the United States again, and to have the chance to proudly reaffirm our commitment to our country, was truly inspiring.

Inevitably, the time came when a guard unexpectedly entered the room as we were reciting our pledge. The

*Sen. John McCain of Arizona, a Navy pilot during the Vietnam War, was a POW of the North Vietnamese for more than five years.*



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guards immediately ripped the flag off the wall. They dragged Mike out, and he was beaten brutally for the next several hours. Finally, they threw him back into the cell.

Later that night, as we were settling down to sleep on the concrete slabs that

were our beds, I looked over at the spot where the guards had left Mike. Under the solitary light bulb hanging from the ceiling, I saw Mike, still bloody, his face swollen beyond recognition, carefully gathering bits and pieces of cloth. He was sewing a new American flag. □



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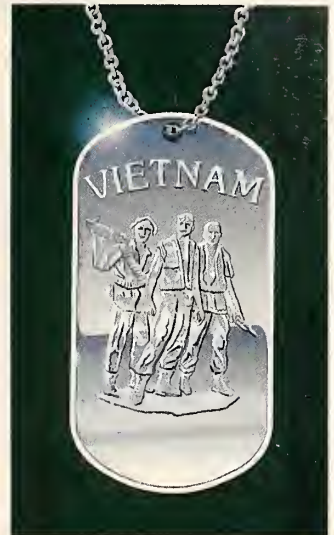
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# AMERICA'S FARM CRISIS:

*Improving, But Far From Over*

By Robert A. Hamilton

**L**IKE a glorious dawn bursting over a field of golden ripe wheat, farming seems finally to have emerged from a years-long night. The question now is whether the clouds on the horizon are fair-weather cirrus—or gathering thunderheads.

"We've taken our losses," boasted American Farm Bureau Federation spokesman John F. Lewis. "Agriculture is finally riding high now, and will continue to ride high through 1988 and into 1989."

But William D. Heffernan isn't so sure. He described himself as a part-time farmer even though he has 400 acres of wheat and soybeans in central Missouri. He's encouraged by recent improvements in the agricultural economy, but cautious enough to know that he's in no position to quit his job as a professor at the University of Missouri.

"I'd sure hate to think I had to feed my family off the farm for the next four or five years," Heffernan said. "I'd be more than a bit uneasy."

Farmers have to worry about inept government tinkering with farm policy, which always is possible in a new administration. Indeed, every presidential candidate has announced a "solu-

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Part-time farmer Heffernan





**MIXED REVIEWS**—While 1987 generally was considered to be a good year for farming, 2,600 Midwestern farmers filed for bankruptcy.

tion” to the farm problem. Also, a worldwide recession, which some economists predict, could plunge farmers back into problems. Overproduction, while it has eased somewhat, still plagues agriculture. Bankruptcies, while slowing, are still well ahead of their pre-1980 levels; and debt, while down, is still high.

From 1982 to last year, things were very tough for farmers. A document that the General Accounting Office prepared, supporting a \$3.1 million request to fund mental-health programs for farmers in 1988, detailed just how tough:

“Iowa health figures show that approximately 47 farmers in that state have committed suicide each year since 1980. In Oklahoma, approximately 100 untimely deaths among farm families have occurred within two years. A study of Missouri farmers indicated widespread mental-health problems and a lack of support from traditional assistance systems for rural Missouri families being forced off their farms.

Suicide, homicide, child abuse, spouse abuse, depression, anxiety, cognitive impairment and substance abuse are the most frequently cited problems associated with the rural crisis.”

The image of the stolid, dependable farmer was shaken by a series of tragic incidents. When he couldn’t keep up the payments on his tractor, Illinois farmer Duane Kruse went to jail for 63 days last year rather than reveal where he hid it. And the nation was shocked when Dale Burr, in a final act of desperation, killed his wife, banker, neighbor and then himself after he was told that he could not cash a personal check.

**I**N MAY 1986, the nation that has been the world’s breadbasket had a record farm-trade deficit of nearly \$350 million. A congressional investigator counted more than 600 truckloads of Central American produce rolling across one border checkpoint near Los Angeles every day.

According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture statistician, in 1986, at the height of the crisis, nearly 350 farms were going out of business every day. A lot of government and private experts expected 1987 to be even worse than

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1986. Attrition rates as high as 25 percent were expected. But by midyear the climate changed, and farming made an unexpected recovery. Farm profits climbed from \$30.5 billion in 1985 to \$38 billion in 1986, and reached a record \$58 billion last year.

Part of the improvement is due to lower interest rates and fuel prices. And although times were improving, farmers continued to find more efficient ways to do business. They began to take a closer look at what they were planting, with an eye toward weaning themselves off subsidies.

“The big shift taking place in agriculture right now is in farmers producing things that the market needs, instead of putting the emphasis on bulk raw materials,” said Lewis. “Tobacco growers in Virginia, where I live, have been shifting a few acres off to specialty vegetables, such as broccoli and cauliflower. There’s strong enthusiasm for greater



efficiency and a broader product mix, so that you're not as vulnerable to the whims of the market."

The son of a Midwestern dairy farmer developed a sideline poinsettia business that now generates more net income than the dairy business, Lewis said. One New Hampshire farmer makes more money from an acre of pumpkins than he does from the 40 acres of strawberries that are his main line, and many Southern farmers are starting to raise catfish and crawdads.

A 40 percent decline in the value of the dollar, coupled with increasing pressure on countries that have protectionist trade policies, also helped farmers. USDA analysts predict that farmers will find ready markets in countries that have enormous U.S. trade surpluses, such as West Germany and Japan, which need a place to spend their dollars. And Pacific Basin countries, such as Korea and Taiwan, may be forced to buy if they want to stave off retaliatory measures.

As a result, estimates of agricultural exports increased in 1987 for the first time in several years, moving from \$26.3 billion in 1986 to about \$28.6 billion—still well below the 1980 high of more than \$40 billion, but an encouraging sign nevertheless. Another increase is expected this year if current trends continue.

But problems still abound. Commodity prices are still well below their late-

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'70s peaks and show no signs of recovering significantly this year. Spending on new farm equipment dropped 6 percent in 1987, to \$4.4 billion. In Iowa alone nearly 300 equipment dealers have gone out of business since 1982.

"There's still too much debt in too few hands, and we're a few years from working that out," said Neil Harl, an agricultural economist at Iowa State Univer-



#### NUMBER OF U.S. FARMS:

1957:	4,371,700
1967:	3,161,730
1977:	2,455,830
1987:	2,173,410

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1957:	273
1967:	355
1977:	427
1987:	461



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sity. Estimates of the number of farms that have too much debt range from 10 percent to 20 percent, down from 20 percent to 30 percent two years ago.

"And overproduction, which used to be a national problem, is now a global problem," Harl said. "That problem stretches into the future for as long as we can see, and it may even get worse."

The USDA, which estimates that by the turn of the century 500,000 farms could produce all the nation's food and fiber, contends there currently are at least one-third too many farms in America, even though the number has declined from more than 4.5 million in the '50s to more than 2 million now.

And while 1987 was one of the best years in this decade for farming, nearly 2,600 farms in eight Midwestern states filed for Chapter 12 bankruptcy in the 14 months after it was made available to family farmers on Nov. 26, 1986. In the worst-hit state, Nebraska, 48 farms used the special chapter in December and January alone, said Harl.

"It's likely that the 1990s will be a decade of continued heavy pressure on farmers," Harl predicted. However, he has identified eight factors that could reduce the pressures significantly:

- Adverse weather, which would curtail production and prop up prices.
- Plant diseases on a wide scale, which would have the same effect as

severe weather conditions.

- A significant increase in the birth rate, which would increase the demand for food to current production levels.

- An improvement in Third World income, which would enable poorer countries to buy more U.S. produce.

- Political or technological breakthroughs in the use of food for non-food purposes. Techniques that are now being studied include using grain to make methanol and corn to make biodegradable plastics. This would boost demand for produce and raise prices.

- Curbs on chemical and fertilizer applications, "which could very well happen," Harl predicted. "Iowa enacted a ground-water protection act in 1987, which surprised a lot of people, since there's such a heavy farm lobby."

- Several Chernobyl-type radiation disasters. "I say this not to be funny, but to show that there is a lot of vulnerability in the food production system."

- Widespread war, which would disrupt agriculture in many countries and increase demand on world markets.

"Those eight factors are low-probability, but they could happen," Harl said.

Lewis, though, said that farmers may be less at the mercy of outside forces in coming years. For instance, when livestock prices edged up 15 percent in early 1987, after two years of decline, farmers did not respond by increasing their herds.

"We seem to have broken out of the five-year cycle of the past, where farmers would increase production when prices were up, which would push prices down, so they would decrease production," Lewis said. "The consequence was that 1987 was a tremendous year for livestock prices. If they continue to hold the line—and so far, they have—we can keep the solid market going in 1988, 1989 and beyond."

Livestock farmers' reaction to the market upswing bodes well for the end of the diversion program in the 1990s, when farmers will no longer be paid to keep over 100 million acres idle.

"A farmer looks out there in the spring and sees all that empty land, and he can hardly stand it. But maybe he can plant it in trees or something other than traditional crops," Lewis said. "Farmers are doing a hell of a lot more thinking than we've done for years. We're thinking again as a group, in terms of how we can get the most for our dollar. And if we keep it up, agriculture will keep coming back." □



# COPING WITH HARD TIMES

**A**T 6 a.m. on a crisp Sunday, Walter Stone strode from his house to begin 12 hours of hard work on his Hampton, Conn., dairy farm. He paused at the north end of his barnyard and gazed out over a panoramic vista that includes the hills of Rhode Island, 15 miles away.

"There's no money in farming," Stone said, bracing his wiry frame against the cold wind. "So I guess this is what we're in it for: the lifestyle."

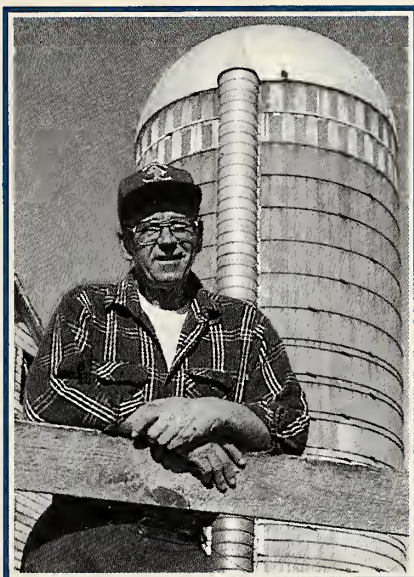
He was not seeking sympathy, but he was surrounded by evidence that times are tough. The paint on the barns is peeling, the silo's in danger of falling down, and the new milking parlor is no closer to completion than when he first started planning it five years ago.

"I can't afford what it would cost me to modernize," Stone lamented. "If you've got any debt at all, you can't make it."

This year, for the first time since 1980, Stone will not devote his entire farm income to paying on his debt. He bought out his brother's share of the farm in 1980 for \$250,000, when it became clear that the farm could no longer support two families. But when milk prices plunged, he couldn't even keep up with the interest, and the debt had grown to \$282,000 by last year. Stone had to sell a building lot from some of his road frontage just to raise money to live on.

Despite developers' offers of more than \$10,000 an acre for his land, he sold development rights on the 192-acre farm to the state for \$288,000, under a farm-land-preservation program. By the time he paid the bank and \$5,000 in capital-gains taxes, he was left with \$1,000. He used that \$1,000 as a down payment on the newest piece of equipment he's ever owned: a 2-year-old, 135-horsepower International Harvester tractor that cost him \$22,000.

It's not a question of poor management. Stone squeezes an average of 18,000 pounds of milk a year from 81



**STONE:** "The best cows the Savinos ever got were those big yellow ones."

cows, and through soil analysis and careful application of fertilizers, he maintains a high level of production on 320 acres of corn and hay.

He is not extravagant. He drives an old Chevrolet, splits wood rather than buying oil for heat, and even at age 58, his face seamed and his hair whitened by years of 80- and 90-hour weeks of back-breaking work, he puts in 12- to 14-hour workdays to reduce the farm's dependence on hired help.

But his taxes have skyrocketed, equipment costs have soared and state utility regulators recently increased farmers' electricity rates. Meanwhile, the price he gets for milk—about 12 cents a pound—is 20 percent below what he was making 10 years ago.

New England farmers are paying for the excesses of the Midwest, where cheap land and government price supports have prompted farmers to overproduce milk.

"You drive on the New York State Thruway, and you see trailerload after trailerload of milk coming into Connecticut from Ohio," Stone said.

Not only have prices been driven down, but a 1986 program to reduce

overproduction of milk, in which the government bought out herds of cows, is being paid for by the farmers who stayed in business. For Stone that translates to a federal assessment of \$600 a month out of his milk check.

Stone has looked for a sideline for his farm. "The best cows the Savinos ever got were those big yellow ones," he said, referring to a nearby family that also runs a bus service to augment its income. But most farmers have had the same idea. The obvious choices, such as raising hay for recreational horses and using farm trucks for over-the-road hauling, have become saturated to the point where they no longer pay enough.

So Stone has gone into politics. He has won several terms as first selectman in his tiny town, a job that pays \$5,000 a year. "It gives me something else to think of a couple of hours a night," Stone said. "And I'll not deny that the money comes in handy."

Besides the poor pay, there are other aggravations for Connecticut farmers. With hamburger stands and convenience stores paying \$6 and \$7 an hour just to attract help, teen-agers no longer want to get their hands dirty at minimum wage. "And even if I pay more," Stone pointed out, "try finding someone these days who wants to get up at 3:30 in the morning to milk."

One problem that preys on Stone's mind is whether the farm's fertilizers and pesticides are getting into ground water. Connecticut tobacco farmers who applied the pesticide EDB according to state and federal guidelines now are being sued because the prescribed levels weren't safe.

"We've had the whole place checked for nitrates—I'm awfully careful, because I've got to drink the water, too," Stone said. "But even when you do things the way the government tells you, you could be causing damage."

"Now that we've sold the development rights, this place can't be used for anything but agriculture," Stone said. "But unless milk prices rise and there are some other changes, who's going to want to run it?" □



# *The Fading* **HEARTLAND**



*In the past four years, 84,000 farms were foreclosed, 250,000 others folded and 12.4 million acres of farm land were sold to foreigners.*

**T**HE nation's small farms, many of which have been passed down in families for generations, are facing an economic reality that could place them on the list of endangered species.

Increasingly, the family farm is no longer owned by the family. Instead, it is owned by banks, insurance companies, foreign investment corporations and the U.S. government.

"We're seeing a lot more non-operator ownership," said Gene Wunderlich, an analyst with the farm-real-estate division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "I guess that's the most disturbing trend in farming today."

Wunderlich said that at the turn of the century, about 30 percent of farm land was leased, and almost all of the non-operator owners lived within a short distance, often within sight, of their land.

Through most of the century leased land comprised 30 percent to 35 percent of all active agricultural land, Wunderlich said. But in the past decade it has risen to nearly 43 percent, and more than 80 percent of it is owned by people outside the community.

"Is it a good idea to have an absentee

DOUGLAS FRASER





**UNWORKED LAND**—Roger Vech, 35, on his farm in northeastern Nebraska: “not actively farming anymore; most of the machinery is gone.” Vech now works as a carpenter, while his wife works in a restaurant.

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landowner thousands of miles away?” Wunderlich asked. “How does that affect land-use decisions? Or if someone in Washington, D.C., owns land in North Dakota, what does that mean in terms of income flow out of the community?”

By far, most of the farms lost in the past five years have been lost to banks and insurance companies that held high-interest mortgages that farmers could no longer meet.

Approximately 9,100 farms were foreclosed in 1983, about 17,250 in 1984, 25,700 in 1985 and almost 32,000 in 1986, according to James Sayre of the USDA's Economic Research Service. The numbers for 1987, which will be released later this summer, are expected to be down somewhat from 1986 because of improved economic conditions, but the conditions of the past several years have made it difficult to sell foreclosed farms to new farmers.

Another disturbing fact is that from 1983 to 1986 more than 250,000 farms that were not foreclosed went out of business. About half of them failed because the owner reached retirement age and there was no one to take over.

“Basically, the farmers might have been in fair financial shape, but they

## ARE SUBSIDIES ON THEIR WAY OUT?

**P**RESIDENTIAL candidate Ronald W. Reagan's goal in 1980 was to cut federal farm subsidies from their “disgraceful” level of \$33.5 billion during Jimmy Carter's four years. But subsidies seem to have a life of their own. In Reagan's last four years in office, farm spending topped \$86 billion.

Fine-tuning farm subsidies is a delicate job, said Neil Harl, an agricultural economist at Iowa State University in Ames. “If the levels are too low, farms go out of business and production drops, which can lead to food shortages and higher prices. If the levels are too high, farmers are encouraged to overproduce, driving prices down and increasing subsidy payments.

“I think the government's struck a reasonable balance in recent months,” said Harl.

For one thing, the 1988 farm bill requires that at least 20 percent of a farmer's land be “diverted”—taken out of production to make the farm eligible for price-support payments.

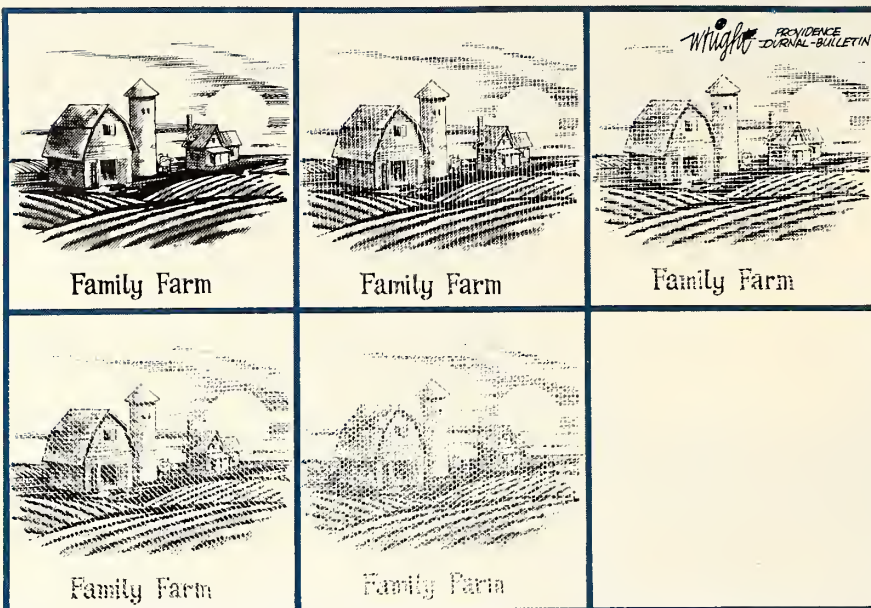
Since 1985, 70 million acres have been taken out of production through the diversion program, which has cut heavily into the surpluses that were developed during the 1970s.

Another program, aimed at taking erodible land out of production, has reduced crop land by 25 million acres. As a result the number of acres in active production is expected to dip below 1 billion for the first time in more than half a century.

The success of the diversion programs has led to lower subsidies. From a record \$26 billion in fiscal 1986-87, farm subsidies dropped to an estimated \$23 billion in 1987-88; they are expected to drop to \$18 billion in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

But the long-range goal of farmers and federal officials is to phase out subsidies entirely, a goal they hope to achieve in the 1990s. Meanwhile, most farmers will be content if they can stay in business that long. □





just didn't figure it was worth the struggle anymore," he said.

Joseph E. O'Neill, a spokesman for the U.S. Farmers Home Administration—often called the “lender of last resort” by farmers, because it will write loans even for troubled enterprises—said his agency's farm inventory has climbed significantly in recent years as well.

In 1980 the FmHA owned so few farms that it did not even keep inventory statistics. By the start of this year it owned 5,382 farms totaling more than 1.6 million acres and worth an estimated \$792 million. The inventory has not grown since then, however, because in December Congress passed a bill requiring the FmHA to keep farm-

ers on the land whenever possible, and because earlier a court ordered the agency to stop foreclosing on farms.

“In some instances it's less expensive for the government to let the farmer stay on the land and rewrite the loan than it is to go to foreclosure,” O'Neill said. A program scheduled to get under way later this year will attempt to get the land back into production by returning it to the owners or, in the case of large farms, by breaking it into family-size tracts, he said.

USDA economist Peter DeBraal said that foreigners also are taking over increasing amounts of U.S. farm land. In 1986 foreign holdings increased by 369,000 acres to a record 12.4 million acres. The 1987 figures, scheduled to be released soon, should show a similar increase.

Many farmers are concerned that leased land—whether it is owned by a bank, an insurance company, the FmHA, a foreign corporation or a rich private speculator—is land that they cannot rely on. If the owner can earn more by dividing the land into house lots or developing it into a strip mall, the farmer will be out of luck. □

## 'STRESS, COUNTRY STYLE'

**B**ETWEEN the federal “1440” program and the numerous state and private initiatives to help farmers through financial crises, there is assistance available to those who need it. The problem is making sure that they get it.

“The rugged individualism that makes farmers tough, that drives them to work seven days a week, also makes them too proud and too self-reliant to seek out help,” said one Midwestern farmer, who admitted that he struggled through a rough period in his life on his own when he probably should have sought professional help. “When you get so stressed-out, a lot of times you're not even aware you need help.”

To that end, many state and local groups are trying to develop clearing-houses to coordinate services for financially strapped farmers.

In Illinois, for instance, a program called “Stress, Country Style” includes low- or no-cost legal advice from the state bar association, economic-planning services from the Cooperative Extension Service, and

stress counseling from the Farm Resource Center.

“It was pretty busy when it started two years ago, but interest in the program has dropped off, which doesn't surprise me, because the situation has changed,” said Mark Randall, a spokesman for the Illinois Department of Agriculture. “We're not on top of the mountain, by any means, but there's a general feeling that things are starting to look better at last. Help is still available when it's needed, though.”

William D. Heffernan, professor of rural sociology at the University of Missouri in Columbia, said that the Community Service Coordinator Program is attempting to do the same thing in his state. He said that there are still farmers out there who need help, and related a recent incident in which a girl walked into her junior-high school and shocked everyone by announcing her father's stoic response to a news story about a farmer who killed himself and his family. What her father said was, “Maybe it is for the best.”

It turned out that the girl's family had been living on cattle corn and zucchini for two weeks while they waited to go to a hearing in bankruptcy court.

“Within a few days four churches, the state interfaith organization, the state Department of Mental Health, the extension service, a lawyer and two farm-crisis agencies had been brought in to help,” Heffernan said. “The family's still alive and, psychologically, getting better.”

Heffernan said that service agencies should talk with extension agents, farm-group leaders and small-town bankers; they know who needs help. Service groups also should not be afraid to move in soon after a suicide or foreclosure sale.

“After any kind of crisis in a community, you've got about a six-month period when the most change takes place. The question is whether the change is for the better,” Heffernan said. “If you've already got a community tied together by tragedy, that's the time to begin to turn things around.” □



# SEARCHING FOR A SOLUTION

**W**HEN the federal government decided two years ago that America's milk prices remained low because there were too many dairy farmers in the country, it offered to buy out whole herds of milk cows. As it turned out, not enough farmers went out of business to affect prices significantly, and to help cover the cost of the buyout program, the government levied a special assessment against the remaining farmers. Thus, a program that was supposed to help dairy farmers instead reduced their incomes.

And so the pattern goes. As the government has attempted to reconcile its cheap-food policy with a decrease in farm subsidies, similar revolving-door policies have trapped a lot of farmers.

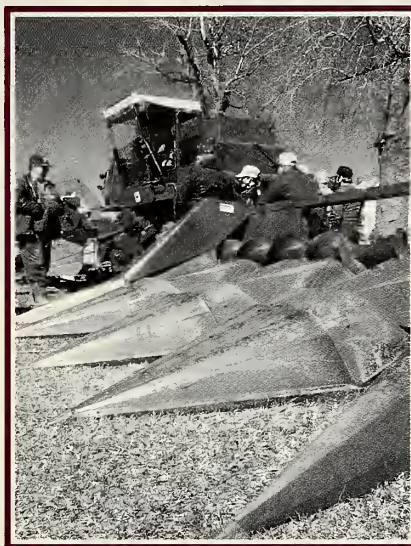
"People who are going through the trauma of bankruptcy and foreclosure need to know where to place the blame for what happened," said Robert Youmans, who raises 3,000 acres of cotton, corn, soybeans, peanuts and wheat in South Carolina, which lost an average of 29 farms a week during 1987. "It's the system."

But as a group, farmers probably will not make any specific policy recommendations until after November, said John F. Lewis, a spokesman for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"Election year is a bad time to be talking about farm programs, because everyone's out to make a statement," Lewis said. "To open the farm act this year for even a modest request, such as a soybean-marketing loan program, could open a real Pandora's box. What we're recommending that our members do this year is push grass-roots policy development to get proposals ready for Congress in 1989."

In general, farmers want less government intervention in agriculture, particularly in price supports. Price supports have encouraged overproduction, which leaves farms at the mercy of federal assistance, farmers say.

As the government withdraws its sub-



**AUCTIONS —** Farm equipment usually is the first to go, as farmers attempt to hold onto their debt-ridden land.

sidies, it should also withdraw its protection of Third World agriculture, said Youmans.

"Any time we want to make a large export sale of grain, we have to get the approval of the State, Agriculture and Commerce departments," Youmans said. "It's been denied in some cases so that other countries can make the sale—countries that have to make interest payments on debts to U.S. banks. What about farmers who have to make interest payments?"

Another problem, Youmans said, is that government programs give foreign farmers a competitive advantage. For instance, American apple orchards cannot use the pesticide Alar, which would increase yields. But Brazilian orchards, which use the chemical indiscriminately, provide 60 percent of the apple-juice concentrate sold in the United States, he said.

"It's a false set of standards if we can't use the chemical because it's unsafe, but another country can use it and send its produce here," Youmans said.

He said that a 1987 staff study by the Joint Economic Committee of Congress detailed the problem of unfair foreign

competition. "It doesn't make good reading for the average person, who thinks he'll always be able to get his food at the supermarket," Youmans said. "But one of these days, all of the food is going to be foreign-raised. One day we'll rely on imported food the same way we rely on imported energy right now. But the consequences could be a lot more serious."

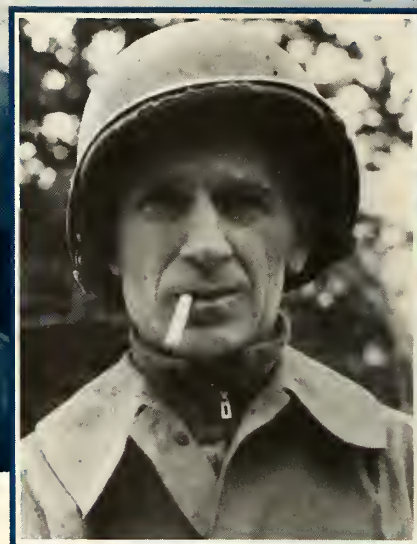
Most farmers also lament the takeover of agriculture by huge corporations, which can measure their holdings in square miles rather than acres. The family farm made the country great, and it should be preserved. Merlin Langner raises soybeans, corn and hogs on his 300-acre Dickens, Iowa, farm, which has dwindled from 850 acres in 1980. He said that if the government subsidizes any farms, it should subsidize only small farms, which can keep competition alive and food prices down.

"If you're farming 1,000 acres, you shouldn't be protected for the full 1,000 acres. You should be protected for only 320 acres, or 160 acres, or whatever they decide is the right size for a family farm," Langner said. "If we let the corporations take over, the American people are going to pay for it—in the food basket."

Walter Stone, a dairy farmer in Connecticut, said that farm-land preservation should be a top priority in areas that are under heavy development pressure, such as the Northeast and the Southwest. Even though those areas currently get most of their produce and meat via trains and over-the-road trucks, the time might come when local production is important, and if all the farm land is under pavement, that won't be possible.

"In this area, the only way there's going to be any farm land left is if the government steps in and buys it, or at least buys the development rights," said Stone, who received a \$288,000 state payment last year for the development rights to his farm. "Even if the land isn't farmed now, it will always be available for agriculture. And someday that could be important." □





FAMILIAR POSE — Pyle and cigarette.

# Dispatch From NORMANDY

*Editor's note: This is the famed D-Day Plus Two dispatch of Hoosier journalist Ernie Pyle. It is one of the best-known and most moving dispatches to describe the Normandy invasion, which occurred on June 6, 1944. Pyle, a native of Dana, attended Indiana University. He was a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for Scripps Howard newspapers. He was killed in the South Pacific in 1945.*

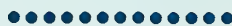
**By Ernie Pyle**

**N**ORMANDY Beachhead, D-Day Plus Two (by wireless, delayed)—I took a walk along the historic coast of Normandy in the country of France.

It was a lovely day for strolling along the seashore. Men were sleeping on the sand, some of them sleeping forever. Men were floating in the water, but they didn't know they were in the water, for they were dead.

The water was full of squishy little

On D-Day, Ernie Pyle was there. He wrote of "the awful waste and destruction of war," and the human sacrifice.



jellyfish about the size of your hand. Millions of them. In the center, each of them had a green design exactly like a four-leaf clover. The good-luck emblem. Sure. Heil, yes.

I walked for a mile and a half along the water's edge of our many-miled invasion beach. You wanted to walk slowly, for the detail on that beach was infinite.

The wreckage was vast and startling. The awful waste and destruction of war, even aside from the loss of human life,

has always been one of its outstanding features to those who are in it. Anything and everything is expendable. And we did expend on our beachhead in Normandy during those first few hours.

For a mile out from the beach, there were scores of tanks and trucks and boats that you could no longer see, for they were at the bottom of the water—swamped by overloading, or hit by shells or sunk by mines. Most of their crews were lost.

You could see trucks tipped half over and swamped. You could see partly sunken barges, and the angled-up corners of jeeps, and small landing craft half submerged. And at low tide you could still see those vicious six-pronged iron snares that helped snag and wreck them.

On the beach itself, high and dry, were all kinds of wrecked vehicles. There were tanks that had only just made the beach before being knocked out. There were jeeps that had burned to a dull gray. There were big derricks on caterpillar treads that didn't quite make it. There were half-tracks carrying office equipment that had been





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made into a shambles by a single shell hit, their interiors still holding their useless equipage of smashed typewriters, telephones, office files.

There were LCTs turned completely upside down and lying on their backs, and how they got that way I don't know. There were boats stacked on top of each other, their sides caved in, their suspension doors knocked off.

**I**N THIS shoreline museum of carnage there were abandoned rolls of barbed wire and smashed bulldozers and big stacks of thrown-away life belts and piles of shells still waiting to be moved.

In the water floated empty life rafts and soldiers' packs and ration boxes and mysterious oranges.

On the beach lay snarled rolls of telephone wire and big rolls of steel matting and stacks of broken, rusting rifles.

On the beach lay, expended, sufficient men and mechanism for a small war. They were gone forever now. And yet we could afford it.

We could afford it because we were

on, we had our toehold, and behind us there were such enormous replacements for this wreckage on the beach that you could hardly conceive of their sum total. Men and equipment were flowing from England in such a gigantic stream that it made the waste on the beachhead seem like nothing at all, really nothing at all.

A few hundred yards back on the beach is a high bluff. Up there we had a tent hospital and a barbed-wire enclosure for prisoners of war. From up there you could see far up and down the beach, in a spectacular crow's-nest view, and far out to sea.

And standing out there on the water beyond all this wreckage was the greatest armada man has ever seen. You simply could not believe the gigantic collection of ships that lay out there waiting to unload.

Looking from the bluff, it lay thick and clear to the far horizon of the sea and beyond, and it spread out to the sides and was miles wide. Its utter enormity would move the hardest man.

As I stood up there I noticed a group of freshly taken German prisoners

**HARDEST-HIT** — *Casualties were heaviest at Omaha Beach, where 1,000 American soldiers were killed and thousands more wounded. By nightfall, 34,000 Americans had come ashore, but none had advanced more than a mile from the beach.*

standing nearby. They had not yet been put in the prison cage. They were just standing there, a couple of doughboys leisurely guarding them with Tommy guns.

The prisoners, too, were looking out to sea—the same bit of sea that for months and years had been so safely empty before their gaze. Now they stood staring almost as if in a trance.

They didn't say a word to each other. They didn't need to. The expression on their faces was something forever unforgettable. In it was the final horrified acceptance of their doom.

If only all Germany could have had the experience of standing on the bluff and looking out across the water and seeing what their compatriots saw. □

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AFTER THE TREATY:

# WILL EUROPE DEFEND ITSELF?

*European reaction to the INF Treaty is both negative and positive. Some people believe that the United States has let its allies down. Others say the treaty may inspire Western Europe to become more self-reliant in defense.*

**By Brian Crozier**

**S**TUNNED disbelief certainly was the first reaction of America's European allies to last December's INF Treaty. Since then, the emphasis has been on damage limitation and on strengthening Europe's defense capability to reduce its dependence on America's nuclear umbrella. This was the underlying theme of the NATO defense summit held in Brussels on March 2, with the next Reagan-Gorbachev meeting in Moscow looming ahead.

Western Europe always has depended on U.S. power. This is understandable, since the initiative for the 1949 treaty, which produced NATO, came from the United States, whose friends and recent foes were gravely weakened by Stalin's advancing armies during World War II.

Today the situation has changed. In

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terms of population, resources and actual income, the European community is larger and richer than either the United States or the Soviet Union. What have not changed—at least not sufficiently—are its ancient antagonisms and jealousies.

The whole process of the INF Treaty, which began in Reykjavik, took Europe by surprise. It had taken the alliance nearly six years to respond to the 1974 Soviet deployment of the formidable, triple-headed SS-20 missiles targeted on Western Europe. In response, the alliance deployed American Pershing II and cruise missiles in Britain, West Germany and other allied countries. The counterdeployment went ahead after much trauma and in the face of hostile demonstrations by peace groups.

All of this helps to explain why, despite the muted official reactions to the signing of the treaty, many Europeans felt that the United States had let Europe down. The United States had done so by making a deal with a common enemy that affected Europe's security directly and America's only indirectly.

Two front-page cartoons in France's conservative daily *Le Figaro* summarized the European mood. One car-

toon showed "Ronnie" and "Gorby" dancing while stripping a bemused Miss Europe. In the other, the two statesmen are shown kissing while a forlorn Miss Europe looks on, not having been invited to join them.

**T**HE post-INF situation has to be seen against the background of lingering, though diminishing, anti-American feelings. In France, these are a hang-over from President Roosevelt's spurning of General De Gaulle and his Free French forces during World War II.

In Britain, there is the anti-Americanism, or anti-capitalism, of the left-wing Labour Party. With Margaret Thatcher in power for a third term, Labour leader Neil Kinnock has been moving cautiously to soften his party's unilateralist stance.

In West Germany, the opposition Social Democrats have committed themselves to a "security partnership" with the Soviet bloc—a straight nega-

## THE LEGION'S POSITION

**Res. 105, approved by the 68th national convention in Cincinnati in September 1986, urges the United States and other members of NATO to improve their conventional forces.**



tion of NATO. Last September the East German leader, Erich Honecker, paid an official visit to the Federal Republic. In the post-treaty atmosphere, Moscow could well exploit the rapprochement between the two Germanies, as a stage in the reunification of a neutralized country. Undoubtedly, this is a major long-term Soviet objective. The "decoupling" of Western Europe from the United States is an essential step toward that end.

**P**ARADOXICALLY, the shock of the INF Treaty could provide exactly the stimulus that the European allies need to become more self-reliant in defense. It is important, however, to consider the limiting factors. As part of the price of sovereignty, the German Federal Republic renounced manufacturing nuclear weapons. The only West European powers that have such weapons are Britain and France. The French deterrent, created during De Gaulle's presidency, is truly autonomous and independent. The British deterrent depends on American missiles and warheads, but the British system is under British control. In a life-or-death nuclear crisis, Britain's government alone would decide whether to risk national suicide by threatening to destroy Soviet cities.

It is not easy to see how the British

and French deterrents could be merged, although closer cooperation between them is possible. Anglo-French collaboration on an air-launched missile has started, but Thatcher is known to be against any far-reaching arrangements with France from which the United States would be excluded.

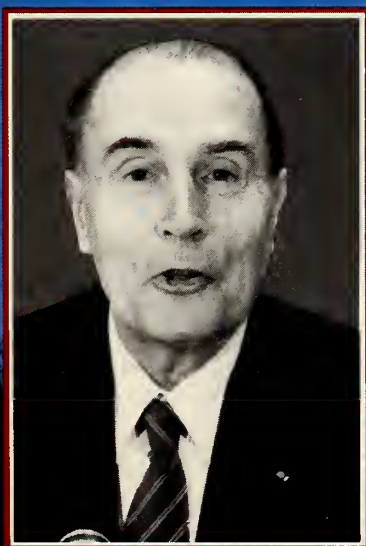
There also is some Franco-German cooperation. President Mitterrand has made it clear that France's nuclear deterrent is intended to protect the Federal Republic as well as France. Also, France and Germany may create a mixed infantry brigade. This would be

a far cry from the European Defense Community plan that the French National Assembly killed in 1954, but it would be a step in the right direction.

At the NATO summit in March, Thatcher took the lead in advocating modernization of the short-range missiles not covered by the INF Treaty. She also opposed any further U.S.-Soviet deals on nuclear-arms reductions until the Soviets begin reducing their conventional and biochemical weapons.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl is nervous about modernizing any weapons—perhaps understandably, as West Germany is a prime candidate for annihilation in any nuclear exchange. But there is a more formidable obstacle in the prime minister's path. Gorbachev had a strong incentive to sign the INF Treaty: The Soviets felt vulnerable with the Pershing IIs and cruise missiles in place. But Gorbachev has no such incentive with conventional weapons, in which the Soviets have massive superiority, or with biochemical weapons, where they have a virtual monopoly.

On the contrary, Gorbachev has a strong incentive to go ahead with further nuclear-arms-reduction treaties, which could leave the West without a deterrent and the Warsaw Pact with a decisive advantage. □



**CLOSER TIES?**—The withdrawal of Pershing II missiles from Europe, as prescribed by the INF Treaty, is expected to bring about joint defense initiatives between European powers such as Mitterrand's France and Thatcher's Great Britain.





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# KOREA

## *And Still They Kept Coming*

**Sgt. C.W. "Bill" Menninger**  
*3rd Battalion/34th Infantry*

When the invasion of the south came, of course everyone was interested, but it never occurred to us that we Americans serving in Japan in the Army of Occupation would ever get involved. For me, it was a typical Sunday night. I was at home with my family when the call came for me to report at once to headquarters.

My wife wanted to know what the

call was about. "Something must be wrong with next week's training schedule," I answered. "I'll be back as soon as I can." That happened to be 11 months later.

**Cpl. Merwin Perkins**  
*B Company/7th Marines*

The company was above Seoul when we ran into our first fight. We were moving at night; I thought we were lost. Green tracers were coming in, and red tracers were going out. It was confusing the first night. I was very scared; I pretty much hugged the ground.

I was 19 when I got activated. I had

been in the Reserves and never had any boot camp—just summer camp, where we mostly goofed off. When my group went through the line at Camp Pendleton, some sergeant asked, "How many summer camps?" I said, "Three." He wrote "CR"—combat-ready. My company landed in Korea on Sept. 21, one month to the day after I left civilian life in Minnesota.

Outside Seoul we all were scared. I didn't even know how to dig a foxhole. A gunnery sergeant told me how. "Make it like a grave," he said.

**Pfc. Doug Michaud**  
*HQ & Service Company/1st Marines/5th Regiment*

The bugles are the first thing I remember, then the chaos. A guy who'd been on watch began dragging me down the hill, hollering, "They're here! They're here!" A lot of guys must have been caught with their boots off; I saw them running in their stockings.

In the morning, casualties lay all over the place. Word was passed that we were going to fall back. I cried—I couldn't believe it. Of course, I didn't know the big picture. If I had, I might have cried for a different reason.

**1st Lt. Philip Day Jr.**  
*Task Force Smith/C Company/21st Infantry*

I was with a 75-mm recoilless-rifle

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team. "Let's see if we can get one of those tanks," I shouted.

I swear we had some hits, but the tanks never slowed down. More of the tanks began shooting at us. I don't know what happened to the two guys with me, but one blast knocked me and the gun over. I began bleeding from my ears. I wasn't unconscious—just stunned by the concussion.

In a little less than two hours, 30 North Korean tanks rolled through the position we were supposed to block as if we hadn't been there. That was our first two hours in combat.

**Pfc. Ernest Gonzalez**

*F Company/7th Marines*

In Koto-ri the Air Force dropped supplies. Some parachutes didn't open, and their crates crashed in the town. Some crates had contained boxes of C rations. We roamed in groups looking for certain types of food. My favorite was wieners and beans. I didn't find any. My least favorite was pork and lima beans. I found plenty of those.

**Pfc. James Cardinal**

*I Company/5th Cavalry*

Dear folks: I have just seen the most terrible sight of my life, and I felt I had to write about it. I've seen many horrible things—bodies heaped in piles, arms and legs blown off, friends just killed being carried to the rear, etc.—but what I saw this afternoon makes that seem like nothing.

Just before our company took the capital the communists gathered all the opposition leaders, those friendly to America, and beat them terribly. Then they tied their hands behind their backs and shot them. More than 50 lay all over a small field in front of a school. When I got there, relatives were claiming the dead, and washing and cleaning and wrapping the bodies. That was the saddest part of it—mothers, wives and children crying and screaming. The sight of death doesn't bother me anymore, but to see the women crying made me feel very sad.

**M/Sgt. Thomas Britt**

*HQ Battery/3rd AAA Battalion/  
3rd Division*

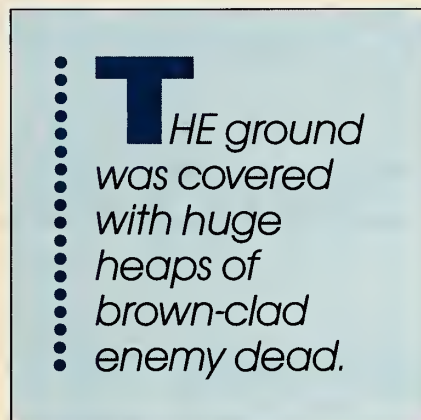
Our task force made contact with the Marines and was able to keep the road open, enabling them to pass through us on the way to safety. I recall watching Marines, themselves frozen from head to foot, meticulously caring for their wounded and bringing back the bodies

of their dead comrades. They were battle-scarred but still looked as if they could do battle. It reminded me of pictures I've seen of General Washington's frozen troops at Valley Forge.

**N. Harry Smith**

*War correspondent*

Out of the hills to the northwest poured hundreds of Chinese soldiers. Like ants running toward a drop of honey they came shouting, shooting



rifles and burp guns, crawling on their stomachs, stumbling, running toward the ammunition dumps.

All the tanks turned their big guns on the hills, lobbing shells into the onrushing horde. The shells swished through the air, struck the ground with a thud, then exploded, sending gushers of snow, dirt and flesh flying through the air in all directions. Wherever they hit they killed Chinese in droves.

The flatland at the foot of the mountains was swarming with thousands of the enemy, still running, screaming and shooting. One Chinese soldier hesitated a second amid the confusion, took a few steps and dropped dead. Blood gushed in a great fountain from his short, stubby neck as he took the last few steps into eternity. He had no head. Tankmen opened fire with their machine guns, spraying the field from left to right, then from right to left.

Wherever one looked along the base of the mountains, the ground was covered with huge heaps of brown-clad enemy dead. Extending to within 400 yards of the dumps was a solid field of them, the snow barely visible any longer. And still they kept coming.

**Cpl. Frank Bifulk**

*B Company/7th Marines*

Truman really slapped us in the face; he called Korea a police action. Here

we were in Korea fighting and dying, and our president says that. Some thanks.

"What are you fighting for, son?"  
"For my life, buddy. For my life."

**Pfc. Jimmy Marks**

*A Battery/61st Field Artillery*

I was on duty in the Fire Detection Center, pulling the 6-to-midnight shift with Louis Iglesias. Around 8 p.m., I received the first report from the machine-gun outpost closest to the Ch'ongch'on that they could hear an unusual amount of noise across the river. Iglesias rang HQ; Col. Knott at regiment said there were supposed to be friendly troops across the Ch'ongch'on.

At 8:30 the men in the outpost were becoming annoyed that no one was acting on their information. By 9 they were so convinced the enemy was on the river bank that they requested permission to open fire. They were ordered to hold their fire and were told that what they heard were friendly patrols.

At 11:30 A Battery was attacked by a Chinese force, estimated at battalion size, that had waded across the river.

All up and down the river valley, all hell had broken loose—tracers and explosions left and right. The Chinese blew bugles and whistles, and shouted American profanities. I thought their bugles were playing "Silent Night." Between shots and explosions I could hear the wounded crying for help.

**Pfc. Doug Michaud**

I had changed. I no longer wanted any buddies—afraid I'd lose them. Who needed the additional trauma? I stopped writing home because to write family, I had to think about them. I didn't want to; I didn't want to cry.

I lived for the beer ration, the crap game, pay call, a chance to change skivvies and dungarees. That was good stuff, the things I built my world around, things I could reach out and touch—not something half a world away.

**2nd Lt. Joseph Owen**

*B Company/7th Marines*

My last memory of Chosin was a brief, lucid moment when I came to consciousness. I was lying by the road, and a tank stood near me. I was warm and still from the morphine. Then I remembered to wiggle my toes against the frostbite. Discipline stays with you all the way. □



**V**ietnam and disabled veterans who own and operate small businesses are encouraged to consider the VA as a possible customer. The VA is constantly looking for contractors in building construction, maintenance, supply and equipment repair.

VA Administrator Thomas K. Turnage said that the VA cannot award non-competitive contracts to veteran-owned businesses, but it can actively seek out and assist them in competing for the contracts. Since the VA's veterans'-outreach program began in 1984, \$92 million worth of contracts have gone to Vietnam and disabled veterans who own businesses.

For further information, veterans should contact the chief of supply at any of the 172 medical centers or write to: Deputy Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (005C), Veterans Administration, Washington, DC 20420.

**A** law requiring a 5 percent down payment on purchases of foreclosed VA houses was reversed slightly more than a month after it became effective. The law, which went into effect Jan. 21, required buyers of foreclosed VA properties to make a 5 percent down payment on the purchase price. But on Feb. 29, the President signed S. 2022, authorizing the VA to reduce or waive the 5 percent down payment in economically depressed areas where sales of foreclosed properties are lagging.

The Senate and the House responded quickly after a Jan. 28 auction of VA properties in Houston showed that the down payment had a disastrous effect on sales. Only about 25 percent of the properties in the auction received bids. Before the down-payment requirement, however, bids consistently outnumbered properties by about 3-to-1.

Sen. Alan Cranston of California, chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, said the quick action was necessary because the mandatory down payment was hindering the VA's ability to sell its inventory of homes in some areas.

**T**he long-awaited POW Medal is now available to 142,000 former American prisoners of war and their next of kin. The medal is free to all servicemen and women who were taken prisoner and held captive after April 5, 1917, the Defense Department said.

A toll-free number, 1-800-873-3768, has been established to take requests for official application forms and to provide information about the medal. The DoD said that forms also are available from the military services, veterans' organizations and other public-service agencies.

Former prisoners of war or their next of kin should send their requests for the medal to the military records center of their branches of service during imprisonment. The addresses are: U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center, ATTN: DARP-PAS-EAW, 970 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132-5200; U.S. Navy Liaison Office, National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132-5199 (for Navy,

Marine Corps and Coast Guard); and Air Force Reference Branch, National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132-5199.

Requests for the medal must include basic personal information so that the records center can verify the applicant's former POW status. A personal letter containing the necessary information also will be accepted from applicants who do not use the official form. Information should include full name, service number, Social Security number, VA claim number, date and place of birth, branch of service, unit of assignment when captured, and dates of confinement and release as a POW.

The medal also may be awarded posthumously to the legal next of kin of a POW of World War I, World War II, Korea or Vietnam. Next of kin of those who are listed as missing in action, without evidence of captivity as a POW, are ineligible.

At their own expense, medal recipients may have the medal inscribed with their names. The POW Medal will be placed ahead of the Good Conduct Medal in the order of precedence.

**E**ven before the nation's 2.2 million disabled veterans began receiving this year's cost-of-living increases in their VA checks, the U.S. Senate was introducing legislation that would call for another boost in December.

Under S. 2011, introduced Jan. 26, disabled veterans and their surviving widows and children would receive a COLA increase equal to the inflation rate, currently predicted to be about 5 percent this year.

The bill is another in a series of attempts to link VA compensation increases to inflation, a move that Congress traditionally has opposed. Federal benefits programs generally are tied to inflation. Military and federal civilian retirees and Social Security recipients receive automatic COLA increases each Dec. 1, unless legislation is passed to alter the law. COLA for disabled veterans, however, requires new legislation each year.

**W**orld War I veterans who served in France may be eligible for a certificate of appreciation that the French government is issuing in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of World War I. All honorably discharged U.S. veterans who served in France from April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918 are eligible.

The VA is issuing the certificates on behalf of the French government. Eligible veterans should write to the Director, Veterans Assistance Service (27), VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20420. Requests will not be accepted by telephone.

Requests should include the veteran's full name, VA claim or Social Security number, service serial number, and the branch and places of service. For further information, call Diane Pringle, chief of the Foreign Service Unit, at (202) 233-2611. □



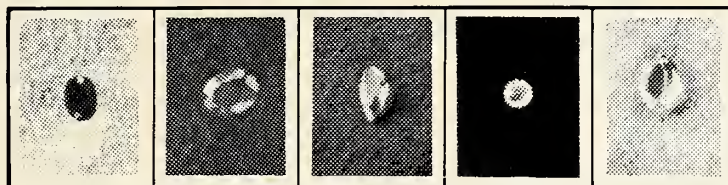
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# A LEGION LEGACY FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN



MOTHERS carefully check their babies for the telltale signs of a deadly disease that strikes recovering flu victims.

Deaf teen-agers whose problems have taken them to the brink of suicide learn how to express their feelings of frustration.

Grade-school students learn how to avoid drugs and how to recognize child molesters' lures.

These scenes play across America every day, in small towns and sprawling cities. They are made possible by private organizations that help children and young people, organizations that share a powerful ally: the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Inc. Since 1954 the CWF has supported hundreds of non-profit groups, contributing more than \$2.2 million to their programs.

CWF founder Dr. Garland Murphy Jr., a member of the national and Arkansas child-welfare commissions, had two goals for the foundation. The first was to contribute to children's physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare by disseminating information about innovative organizations and their programs. The second goal was to help those organizations use their resources more effectively.

The CWF is a separate entity from the Legion, with a Legionnaire board of directors that authorizes grants to deserving organizations. "If the Legion faded away tomorrow, the foundation would continue to award grants through its perpetual fund," said CWF President U.S. "Udie" Grant, a Kansas NECman.

Keeping that fund alive is the goal of Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer, whose "Foundation With a Future" campaign seeks to raise \$1 million to permanently endow the Child Welfare Foundation. More than \$519,655 had

*CWF grants often go to worthy, but overlooked, children's organizations that need help the most.*

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been contributed as THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE went to press.

"The foundation is a private charity that benefits the American public," Comer said. "There is no better way to meet children's needs than through the CWF."

How does the CWF help America's youths? One example is its 1985 grant

of \$20,616 to the National Reye's Syndrome Foundation of Bryan, Ohio. The organization teaches parents about Reye's syndrome, a mysterious, sometimes-fatal disease that often follows a bout with influenza B. Many researchers have linked the disease to flu victims' use of aspirin.

"The grant enabled us to produce and distribute a slide-and-tape presentation that taught parents some of the warning signs of Reye's syndrome," said NRSF spokeswoman Marlene Sutton. Sutton added that many parents who saw the presentation later credited it for saving their children's lives. Last year the CWF awarded another grant to the Ohio foundation for a national public-service announcement featuring Dick Van Dyke.

Getting the word out works even for those who cannot hear the spoken word. The Community Center for the

## KEEP THOSE DONATIONS COMING

**L**EGIONNAIRES and Auxiliary members are investing in a plan that guarantees great dividends for America—and they're doing it through their contributions to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

From coast to coast, bluecap members are rallying to the "Foundation With a Future" campaign to add \$1 million to the foundation's principal account. The money will enable the foundation to award more grants to organizations whose efforts focus on improving children's lives.

"I'm truly amazed, but not surprised, at the interest and generosity that have been shown in this critically important campaign," Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer said. "Legionnaires and Auxiliary mem-

bers are opening their hearts and their checkbooks to our children."

Massachusetts leads Legion departments in CWF donations, with \$41,069 collected as of April 25. New York, with \$32,842, and Missouri, with \$31,109, are next. Among the generous posts are Post 40 of Plymouth, Mass., with donations of \$5,500; Post 388, Somerville, Mass., with \$1,500; and Post 26 of Boston, with \$1000.

Leading among Auxiliary departments, in a close race, are California, \$4,582; Illinois, \$4,542; and Kentucky, \$4,296.

Contributions should be mailed to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Inc., P.O. Box 538, Indianapolis, IN 46206-0538.



**CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN**—Despite the boundless generosity of the American people, some deserving charities and causes can go unnoticed. The Legion's Child Welfare Foundation pledges that children won't be among them.

Deaf—operated by Netcare, a private health-care network in central Ohio—offers a suicide-prevention program for deaf adolescents, thanks in part to a 1986 CWF grant of \$10,000.

"Statistics have shown that suicide is the No. 2 cause of death among America's teen-agers," said Michael Repas, the center's director. "We found that there weren't any suicide-prevention programs or materials available to hearing-impaired teens. Their obvious problems of communication were compounded because they needed to tell their parents and teachers about the problems that so often lead to suicide."

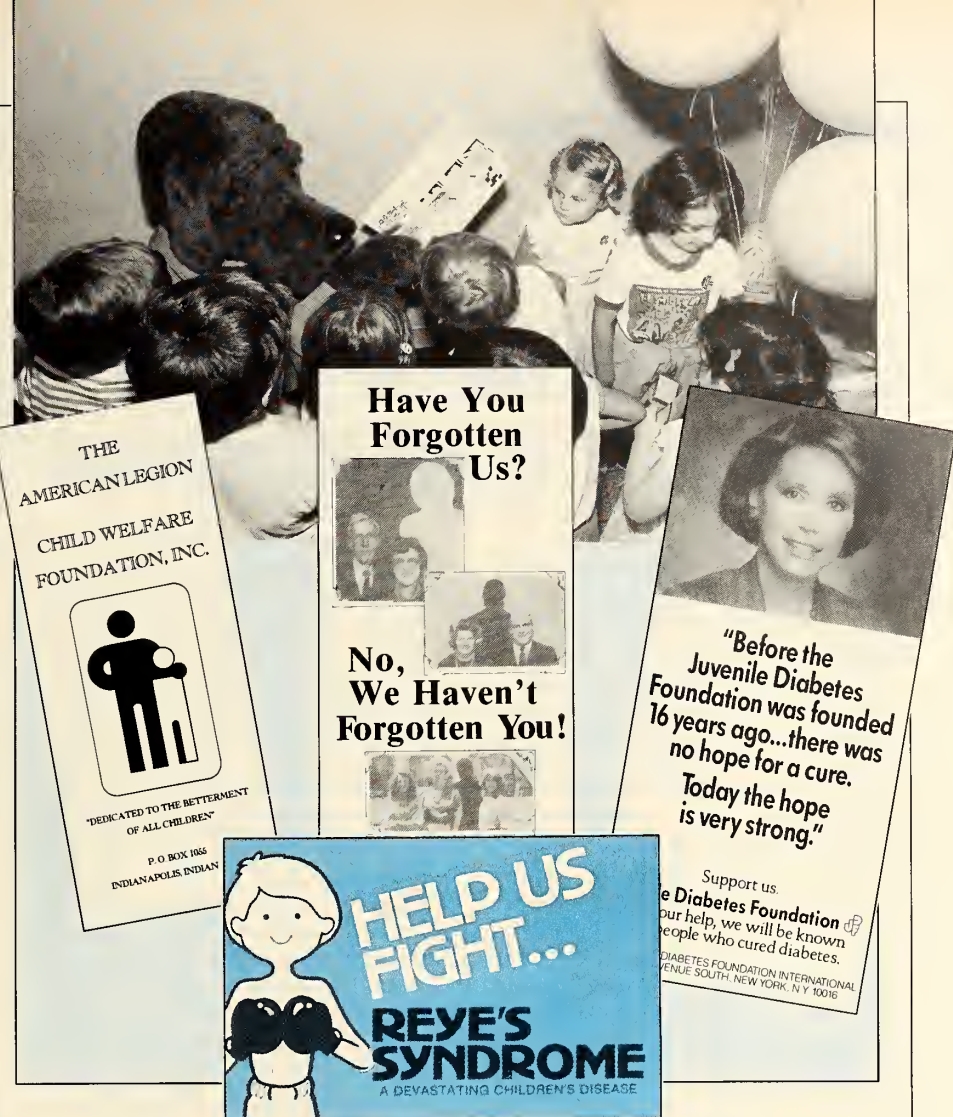
The CWF grant enabled Repas' group to produce the film *A Better Way* and an accompanying training manual. The film uses captions and American Sign Language to teach students how to recognize suicidal peers and how to tell adults about their own problems.

**W**HILE the CWF often directs its efforts to health-related programs, it also has grappled with equally devastating social maladies. Such was the case in 1984, when the foundation awarded \$18,000 to the National Crime Prevention Council, a Washington, D.C.-based group that teaches young people how to avoid becoming crime statistics.

"The Child Welfare Foundation grant came at an extremely critical time for our organization," said John A. Calhoun, executive director of NCPC. The fledgling entity used the grant to publish *Keeping Kids Safe, Kids Keeping Safe*, which tells children how to avoid drug abuse, molestation and many other problems.

"The grant was terrific," Calhoun said. "It helped launch us into a nationwide program. There's little doubt that many youngsters owe their livelihoods—and lives—to the Legion's help with our programs."

Some programs are shaped by events in their founders' lives. John and Louise Clinkscales of LaGrange, Ga., founded a missing-persons resource center in 1980, five years after their son left home for Auburn University. Kyle Clinkscales never made it to the campus. FIND-ME (For Individuals Missing Everywhere) developed from that



personal mystery. Once again, the CWF responded to a call for help, giving FIND-ME a \$1,500 grant to publish a booklet that calls attention to the growing phenomenon of missing Americans.

"All of our work is geared toward making the public aware of all facets of the missing-persons phenomenon and also to making the authorities more responsive to this problem," said Louise Clinkscales.

The CWF has responded to another socially wrenching problem that has gained much attention recently: child abuse. In the case of Parents Anonymous of Montana, the CWF grant came at a time when other philanthropic groups were rejecting its calls for help.

In 1986 the CWF awarded the Montana group a \$7,500 grant to produce two videos on child abuse in the home. The first video, aired throughout the state, featured interviews with abusive parents. According to PAM Executive Director Cindy Garthwait, the results were staggering.

"There were many calls from parents

who saw themselves in the video, many of whom believed they were on the brink of becoming abusers," Garthwait said. "It was a large cry for help."

The second video, which was awaiting release at press time, is for grade-school students. Garthwait said the video shows children how to get help if they are abused. "It reassures children, and instructs them to seek an adult they trust and can talk to so they can get the help they need."

These are just a few of the groups that the CWF has helped during its 34-year history. It also has awarded grants to organizations that conduct research and information campaigns, including the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International, the Epilepsy Foundation of America, the Foundation for Craniofacial Deformities, the Arthritis Foundation, the National Jewish Hospital Asthma Center and the Orton Dyslexia Society.

The CWF's board of directors meets each May to consider grant applications. Applicants must meet two

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## Controversial Plan For Veterans Draws Ire Of 10,000 Minnesotans

**T**HE 680 patients at Minnesota's two veterans' homes no longer risk becoming wards of the state welfare agency, thanks to Legionnaires and other veterans.

Minnesota lawmakers have scrapped a controversial plan that would have given the state Department of Human Services permanent control of the homes. Control of the Minneapolis home was transferred from the Department of Veterans Affairs last summer after the facility was cited for several health-code violations.

Minnesota veterans, including Legion state officials, were troubled by the violations and demanded that they be corrected. But they also were concerned about the transfer of the home operations to DHS. They argued that the transfer essentially would create public opinion that equated veterans' earned benefits with handouts.

Last October, Legion officials and

their Veterans of Foreign Wars counterparts met to discuss ways to stop the planned transfer and improve care for residents of veterans' homes. Two months later, Legion Dept. Cmdr. Lloyd Ricker and VFW Dept. Cmdr. Dean E. Means unveiled a joint position paper, which urged the state to return the Minneapolis home to the DVA and to provide adequate funding to ensure quality care and sufficient staffing at the homes.

In February, the Legion, VFW and other veterans' groups paid a call on Gov. Rudy Perpich and state legislators in Minneapolis, while more than 10,000 veterans converged on the state capitol for a "Veterans' Awareness Day" rally, which focused on the veterans' homes controversy.

"The governor was going to put veterans in the welfare line," said Nat'l Vice Cmdr. Joe Frank Jr., who attended the

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**TOP GUN** — Nat'l Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle punched through the skies over Texas in a T-33 jet trainer to get a taste of the training some of America's top fighter pilots receive. For his derring-do, he earned a specially built pilot's helmet plate from Col. Nicholas B. Kehoe, commander of the 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph AFB, Texas.

## Legion Helps Scouts Recruit Sponsors

**T**HE Legion was one of several organizations that participated in a nationwide teleconference broadcast from Dallas in March on behalf of Boy Scouts of America.

In a taped message aired during the teleconference, Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer encouraged Americans to form new Boy Scout troops. Although Comer's schedule prevented him from attending, Nat'l Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle was among the volunteers who manned the telephones.

The teleconference was beamed by satellite to more than 700 motels, where members of church and civic groups were gathered. BSA officials said that the teleconference recruited sponsors for 8,100 new Scout troops. "Today's commitments will strengthen for years to come the Legion's outreach to the youths of our communities," said Ben H. Love, chief executive of BSA.

The Legion, one of the leading supporters of Boy Scouts, sponsors 2,400 Scout units with 61,000 members.



**LEADING THE WAY** — As Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer winged his way through eight Legion departments recently, he collected \$100,000 in cash, checks and pledges for the Child Welfare Foundation. During a brief stopover at national headquarters in Indianapolis, Comer discussed the status of donations with Paul Frinthal, CWF executive secretary.



# CWF: THANKS A MILLION!

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**Department** donations to the Child Welfare Foundation as of March 25, 1988:

Department	Commander	Amount	Department	Commander	Amount	Department	Commander	Amount
Alabama	Clayton E. Moneymaker	\$ 3,872	Kansas	C.A. Houk	\$ 6,039	Dhio	Richard J. Cherry	\$ 8,951
Alaska	Thomas V. Ruff	\$ 1,883	Kentucky	Michael D. Leon	\$ 2,401	Dklahoma	James C. Morton	\$ 767
Arizona	James K. Kirk	\$ 1,187	Louisiana	Sterling Hebert	\$ 4,125	Dregon	Harry Klug	\$ 3,897
Arkansas	Martha McQuain	\$ 2,982	Maine	Earl B. Colby Jr.	\$ 3,695	Panama	Dan McDonald	\$ 20
California	Mike Canales	\$16,002	Maryland	R. Lee Fisher	\$ 7,498	Pennsylvania	Ronald F. Conley	\$ 4,928
Canada	Patrick Neumann	\$ 322	Massachusetts	Paul A. Morin	\$26,649	Philippines	William H. Sener	\$ 35
Colorado	Tilson Gorsuch	\$ 2,513	Mexico	Frank H. Nolan	\$ 425	Puerto Rico	Isidoro Cerpa Jr.	\$ 411
Connecticut	Raymond R. Bigelow	\$ 1,208	Michigan	Roy B. Ciotte	\$ 7,971	Rhode Island	Walter P. Pytko	\$ 332
Costa Rica			Minnesota	Lloyd M. Ricker	\$15,912	South Carolina	Robert E. David	\$ 605
Delaware	Thomas Wootten	\$ 488	Mississippi	Clayton Thompson	\$ 1,544	South Dakota	Russel D. Testerman	\$ 675
Dist. of Columbia	Sotero Garcia	\$ 782	Missouri	Oscar Walterman	\$17,749	Tennessee	Ike F. Gentry	\$ 1,231
Florida	Robert J. Proctor	\$15,381	Montana	Louis P. Fuhninger	\$ 1,245	Texas	E.H. Narmour	\$ 8,972
France	Michael R. Verville	\$ 125	Nebraska	Michael D. Helm	\$ 7,144	Utah	Elmer S. Pickett	\$ 1,110
Georgia	Mary B. Howard	\$ 3,997	Nevada	Don L. Cirac	\$ 335	Vermont	Wayne McLean	\$ 1,861
Hawaii	Kenneth McAtee	\$ 75	New Hampshire	Louis F. Milinazzo	\$12,088	Virginia	William R. Bryant	\$ 2,965
Idaho	George Kirkland	\$ 3,136	New Jersey	Timothy P. Carmody	\$ 3,756	Washington	Charles J. Benson	\$ 3,755
Illinois	Clayborn M. Lofton	\$12,093	New Mexico	Cas Novak	\$ 1,085	West Virginia	J. Carl Durham	\$ 1,706
Indiana	Larry Bartlett	\$ 6,714	New York	Frank J. D'Amico	\$14,370	Wisconsin	Robert C. Weyenberg	\$ 6,035
Iowa	Dorothy Andrews	\$ 1,682	North Carolina	Jerry L. Hedrick	\$ 5,080	Wyoming	Dwen Heins	\$ 3,390
Italy	Nazario Cicchillitti	—	North Dakota	Aaron Dalke	\$ 4,365			

**Posts** that have donated \$100 or more to the Child Welfare Foundation as of March 25, 1988:

Post	Commander	Department	Amount	Post	Commander	Department	Amount	Post	Commander	Department	Amount
94	Marg Hajdu	Michigan	\$ 100	110	Catherine A. Spyrie	Florida	\$1,000	1273	Robert P. Atkinson	New York	\$ 100
24	Bernard D. Cordial	Maryland	\$ 100	311	C.R. Reed	Michigan	\$ 100	20	Clifford Hermes	North Dakota	\$ 150
303	Thomas A. Hearn	Florida	\$ 102	407	William F. Buchner	Illinois	\$ 100	253	William Lewis	Michigan	\$ 253
245	Ramon Berg	Minnesota	\$ 100	41	Eugene J. Missler	Dhio	\$ 100	584	Richard D. Flavel	Dhio	\$1,000
158	Robert A. Marker	Indiana	\$ 100	484	Kenneth Brown	Michigan	\$ 100	214	Harry R. Bowers	Maryland	\$ 100
385	Mel Nelson	Kansas	\$ 100	327	Joe Carl	Kansas	\$ 100	139	Keith Gwilliam	Utah	\$ 100
142	Roy Elsmore	Massachusetts	\$ 100	97	Robert Holben	Indiana	\$ 111	95	George Fremmer	Pennsylvania	\$ 100
555	Robert Jones	Minnesota	\$ 500	386	Frank Alexander	Michigan	\$ 107	25	Dennis Wright	Vermont	\$ 100
166	Louis P. Normand	Massachusetts	\$ 475	370	Clark Pointer Jr.	Missouri	\$ 100	27	Ralph F. Hoover	Dist. of Columbia	\$ 100
90	Daniel Di Santis	Florida	\$ 500	325	Jim Johnson	Virginia	\$ 250	232	Sewell Protor	Florida	\$ 100
168	Terry Pierson	Indiana	\$1,553	68	Wilmer L. Avery	Kansas	\$ 200	194	Thomas Neil Eller	Maryland	\$ 100
60	William A. Dunn	Vermont	\$ 100	93	Delbert Shy	West Virginia	\$ 100	388	Robert G. Anders	Louisiana	\$ 100
335	William Messock	Michigan	\$ 100	12	Michael W. Cox	Arkansas	\$ 100	264	Benjamin G. Fry	Georgia	\$ 100
203	John H. Keys	Kentucky	\$ 100	150	Jerome L. Wagener	Minnesota	\$ 250	579	Frank J. Zeranski	Pennsylvania	\$ 100
36	Bernard Gachne	Nebraska	\$ 100	137	Rupert L. Ragan	Alabama	\$ 130	69	Paul J. Even	Dhio	\$ 100
420	Leonard Spencer	Ohio	\$ 100	367	Glenn Ellis	Iowa	\$ 100	524	Harold Lehrner	Dhio	\$ 100
117	Floyd Fredrickson	Minnesota	\$ 450	443	James E. Gavin	Minnesota	\$ 100	268	Donald A. Woodard	New York	\$ 100
53	Ralph Guzman	Illinois	\$ 100	401	Henry A. Czerniak	Illinois	\$1,000	434	Mike Drexelow	Minnesota	\$ 100
158	William F. Hale	Virginia	\$ 100	310	Cleveland P. High-Pine	South Dakota	\$ 100	798	Jack Trembley	New York	\$ 500
109	Robert Kaiser	Maryland	\$1,000	222	Earl Cunningham	California	\$ 100	165	Eugene Clark	North Carolina	\$ 100
2	Gerald Halvorson	North Dakota	\$1,500	39	Robert Lewis	Indiana	\$ 100	625	Joseph La Rocco	New York	\$ 100
37	Willis C. Yeager	North Dakota	\$ 250	207	Frederick T. Dedrick	New Jersey	\$ 100	248	Joseph A. Ballard	Louisiana	\$ 250
122	Barry A. Nelson	Oregon	\$ 728	311	Howard Snodgrass	Florida	\$1,000	267	John A. Stork	Indiana	\$ 100
137	Norma R. Wittkopp	Oregon	\$ 101	32	Lonnice Anderson	Arkansas	\$1,500	42	Milton E. Rider	Maryland	\$ 250
154	Ronald Fitzgerald	Oregon	\$ 100	157	Paul R. Hjelden	Minnesota	\$ 750	146	Larry Bingham	Indiana	\$ 100
57	Lester E. Becroft	Oregon	\$ 100	220	Edward Kramer	Illinois	\$ 100	5	Cecil Coward	Tennessee	\$ 500
68	Raymond E. Dugger	Oregon	\$ 100	13	Millard Robertson	Maryland	\$ 100	79	Clifton Haveard	Alabama	\$ 100
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110	Martin A. Weakley	Maryland	\$ 500	583	Al V. Garrett	Texas	\$ 100	46	Ron Gay	Minnesota	\$ 100
12	Gary Austin	Georgia	\$ 750	1282	Raymond Fertzogner	Illinois	\$ 100	25	Stephen Myers	Nebraska	\$ 100
706	Vernon M. Waldron	Dhio	\$ 100	180	Drville Sensibaugh	Dklahoma	\$ 100	25	Eileen Rehwald	Alaska	\$ 126
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113	George Larsen	Kentucky	\$ 300	159	Frank Wallace	Florida	\$ 540	226	George Collins	Pennsylvania	\$ 100
503	Ronald J. Cooper	Indiana	\$ 100	81	Harold Forbregd	Montana	\$ 100	33	Phillip T. McLean	Florida	\$1,250
205	John Dooley	Wisconsin	\$ 110	158	Clemons Nelson	Wisconsin	\$ 100	9	John Hoke	Kansas	\$ 100
51	James Jenks	Wisconsin	\$ 100	443	Russell Spangler	Michigan	\$ 295	59	Eugene Hebert	New Hampshire	\$1,000
57	Norris D. Brown	Alabama	\$ 100	1277	Claude G. Livingston	Illinois	\$ 100	237	Thurman Frasier	Alabama	\$ 400
350	Michael R. Farrell	California	\$ 100	179	Russell Henry	Louisiana	\$ 100				
505	Simmie L. Tate	Louisiana	\$ 250	832	Anthony J. Fattore	Illinois	\$ 100				
2	Dick Strom	Arkansas	\$ 100	90	Alfred V. Bateman	Utah	\$ 100				
419	Earl J. Sharp	California	\$ 250	132	Gary L. Morrill	Utah	\$ 100				
523	Betty J. Heppesen	Minnesota	\$ 300	600	Arnold S. Gay	Minnesota	\$ 500				
22	Robert Hoenes	Colorado	\$ 100	98	James Lind	Minnesota	\$1,000				
464	Edward Gutzwiller	Indiana	\$ 100	176	Jules Dronet	Louisiana	\$ 100				
664	Bernard L. Jennelle	California	\$ 100	11	Robert R. Blair	Dregon	\$ 133				
10	Jim Wyatt	Washington	\$ 100	213	William A. Mahaney	Indiana	\$ 400				
72	Laywin Leck	Iowa	\$ 100	135	Gaius Burnap	Massachusetts	\$ 100				
194	Larry Selvig	North Dakota	\$ 100	365	Walter R. Deatherage	Illinois	\$ 100				
55	John M. Peurifoy Jr.	Georgia	\$ 250	365	Ronald J. Landry	Louisiana	\$ 100				
54	John Vierthaler	Kansas	\$ 150	149	George N. Dimas	New York	\$ 100				
65	Russell K. Powell	California	\$ 100	62	Gilbert Ransom	New York	\$ 200				
346	Calvin Bryant	Kansas	\$ 100	59	Santo Foti	New York	\$ 100				
296	Terry Emmons	Kansas	\$ 100	205	Dscar Rhea	Georgia	\$ 100				
110	Catherine A. Spyrie	Florida	\$1,000	937	Charles A.F. Lappe	Pennsylvania	\$ 100				

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The total amount donated to the Child Welfare Foundation (as of April 25, 1988):  
**\$519,655**



# Comer Says Proposed VA Budget Is Inadequate

**T**HOUGH the VA's budget request for fiscal year 1989 is almost \$2 billion more than for 1988, Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer said the proposed hike "only represents an increase of \$865 million in actual appropriations over funds appropriated for the current fiscal year, which is insufficient because of creeping inflation and the spiraling needs of veterans."

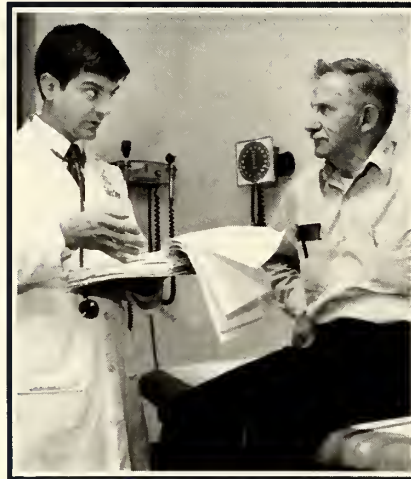
"The budget plan is inadequate," said Comer, "because it fails to maintain even a current level of services, especially in critical areas such as health care. Spending for VA health care would increase 1.8 percent from 1988 levels, but the inflation rate is expected to rise to nearly 5 percent."

The budget proposal, submitted by the White House's Office of Management and Budget, calls for overall spending of \$30.1 billion. Included is an appropriation request for \$27.9 billion, \$1.5 billion related to proposed credit-reform legislation. The proposal provides \$16.5 billion for benefits programs, \$10.6 billion for medical care and \$501 million for construction projects.

The VA's request for medical-care funds is about \$208 million more than last year's budget. The agency has projected that it will treat 1.2 million veterans in hospitals and another 23 million in outpatient clinics. While the patient caseload is expected to rise in the coming year, the budget plan would cut the VA's medical staff by 4,270—a move the Legion has warned could cause irreversible damage to the health-care system.

"There's little doubt that reducing the staff will cause a serious erosion of quality, quantity and timely health care for veterans," said William F. Lenker, chairman of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission.

In addition to the layoffs, the VA has proposed eliminating 1,258 acute-care



**A SORE SUBJECT**—The VA budget calls for a reduction in medical staff, which the Legion says will adversely affect the quality of veterans' medical care.

beds in hospitals. Lenker said that action could lead to a critical shortage of acute-care beds in the future, since they usually are the entry point for most veterans who end up in long-term-care facilities.

**T**HE Legion also is concerned about the proposed reduction of 500 positions in the agency's Department of Veterans Benefits, which is responsible for compensation, pensions, burial allowances, educational and vocational assistance, and insurance programs. In testimony before the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs committees in March, a Legion spokesman said the layoffs would significantly slow claims processing.

The Legionnaire said that the percentage of compensation claims processed within the agency's 90-day standard plummeted from 42 percent in

1982 to 31 percent in 1987. He said that was the result of staff reductions that began in 1979.

The Legion also was disappointed that the budget failed to include funding for the Veterans Job Training Act, which is scheduled to expire June 30. In addition, the Legion is opposed to staff reductions in the Local Veterans Employment Representative program.

As mentioned earlier, included in the budget proposal is a \$1.5 billion credit-reform package for the VA's home-loan program. The Legion opposes the plan, which calls for calculating the dollar value of benefits in each of the VA's credit programs and depositing that amount in the Treasury Department. The Legion believes that the measure, if enacted, eventually would replace the VA's Loan Guaranty Revolving Fund.

"This proposal raises many questions," said Bruce Thiesen, chairman of the Economics Commission. "Will this legislation give the Treasury authority over VA programs? We suspect that it would, and it certainly would form a strong justification for eliminating programs such as the home-loan fund."

Many of the Legion's concerns about the proposed FY '89 budget were echoed by Rep. G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery, chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. Staff reductions and other cutbacks, he said, are "what happens when an agency is dominated by OMB planners who don't seem capable of grasping the reality of need when it comes to veterans' programs."

But no budget plan is sacrosanct. At press time, Montgomery's committee and its Senate counterpart were resolving differences between their own budget proposals. The VA budget will be finalized in September.

"While the administration's proposed budget appears to be positive in nature, we cannot overlook the negative features," Comer said. "Constant staffing cuts will result in a serious deterioration of veterans' programs, and we simply cannot allow this to occur." □

## THE LEGION'S POSITION

**Res. 66, approved by the 68th national convention in Cincinnati in September 1986, urges the President and Congress to provide full funding for all veterans' programs.**





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# THE LEGION'S MODERN-DAY 'MINUTEMEN' HELP SAVE VA CABINET BILL

**A**CTING as modern-day "Minutemen," Legionnaires, led by Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer, moved swiftly to thwart a proposed amendment that threatened the bill that would make the Veterans Administration a Cabinet-level department.

Comer was visiting the Department of Delaware when he learned that several members of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs were considering a "killer" amendment to S. 533, the bill that would make the VA an executive-branch department. The amendment supported judicial review, which would allow veterans to file suits in federal courts, seeking benefits that have been denied them through the VA appeals process.

"The elevation of the VA to Cabinet level and judicial review are two distinct issues," Comer said. "Attaching judicial review would kill this important legislation."

Comer telephoned department commanders in the 13 states represented by the 14 senators on the committee, informing them that the VA bill was jeopardized by the amendment and asking them to attend a committee hearing in late March. He followed the calls with letters to the commanders, the National Executive Committee, the National Legislative Commission, Past National Commanders, and the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission.

"Despite nearly 10 years of debate over judicial review on Capitol Hill," Comer wrote, "Congress has yet to conduct hearings on judicial review this year, and the veterans'-affairs committees of both houses have simply not acted on judicial-review legislation in 1987 or 1988."

Comer also traveled to Washington for staff briefings and visits with key



**VETERANS' ADVOCATE**—During the 48-hour legislative alert, Comer spent much of his time on the telephone, urging senators to oppose the amendment.

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committee members and House Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery of Mississippi.

According to its current mandates, the Legion opposes judicial review because that process would place veterans in an adversarial relationship with the VA.

Prompted by Comer's call for action, about 100 out-of-town Legionnaires attended the Senate hearing. At least two Legionnaires from each of the 13 states were on hand, with the remainder

coming from states bordering the nation's capital.

Sen. John Glenn of Ohio, chairman of the committee, said that the bill and judicial review indeed are separate issues and should be heard on their respective merits. But Glenn said that Legionnaires should reconsider their position on judicial review.

Many congressional staff members described the Legion's lobbying efforts as unprecedented. According to one Senate staff member, Comer's appeal generated up to 250 letters a day to committee members during the week of the hearing. But the barrage of letter-writing apparently had no effect on at least one senator.

"Veterans do not need a stronger voice," said Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming, who is opposed to raising the VA to Cabinet level. Simpson was the only lawmaker to speak on behalf of the amendment during the three-hour hearing.

"I feel good about the outcome," Comer later said. "Senator Glenn understands that judicial review deserves to be heard on its own — not slipped into legislation that now appears to be well on its way."

But Comer also had a word of warning. "This is only a small victory for veterans," he said. "The Senate still has time to act on judicial review and try to attach it to this legislation on the Senate floor, so we cannot be complacent. We must continue to press our senators to vote on a clean bill, without any crippling amendments. Also, we must stress that judicial review is too important and too complex to be treated as just an amendment."

The House of Representatives passed a bill to grant the VA executive status. That action, adopted last November, also has the support of President Reagan. As THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE went to press, the bill was slated for a Senate vote. □



# GLASNOST

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encouraged by Gorbachev and his Politburo reformers in a bold, perhaps desperate gamble to shake up the bureaucracy and revitalize the stagnating Soviet economy. It's the primary purpose of *perestroika*, or "restructuring," which is the economic counterpart of *glasnost*.

Visitors returning to the Soviet Union after years of absence are astounded by the seeming recklessness with which critics vent their feelings. Last October, Alex Goldfarb, a former Soviet human-rights activist who now is an assistant professor of microbiology at Columbia University, was permitted to visit his homeland after a dozen years, an unexpected gift of *glasnost*. Recounting his impressions in a remarkable *New York Times* article, "Testing Glasnost," Goldfarb said that it didn't take him long to realize that for all the changes in the "socio-ideological atmosphere," *glasnost* has failed to substantially alter the everyday ordeal of the people or the functions of the system. In fact, he adds, *glasnost* has created more problems than it has resolved.

"The reforms have barely moved because of the resistance of the mid-level bureaucrats who do not want to part with power and privilege," wrote Goldfarb. "Meanwhile, the press campaign unleashed by *glasnost* has succeeded in portraying the *apparatchiks* as villains responsible for the lack of consumer goods and for the disastrous state of health care and social services. As *glasnost* has unfolded, the principal rivals of the bureaucracy—professionals, low-level managers and intellectuals—have become more unruly, while simple folks grow more frustrated by the gap between raised expectations and grim reality."

According to Goldfarb, who talked at length with scores of old friends and one-time academic colleagues, "The consensus about *glasnost* was a feeling of anxiety rather than optimism. A popular joke making the rounds predicted that *perestroika* will be followed by *perestrelka*, which means shootout."

"*Perestroika* is a myth," agreed Vadim Buzychkin, an editor of the unofficial *Moscow News*. "Everything we print is wishful thinking. We are fooling the people, giving them a false sense of security. They believe that

criticism is permitted and initiative encouraged. They stick their necks out and get in trouble, and we must protect them.

"We are at war with bureaucracy. There are just a few people in the top leadership who are pushing for reform. *Glasnost* can end any moment, and our heads will be the first to roll. We are the *kamikaze* of *glasnost*."

Gorbachev himself is aware of the dangers of a backlash. The downfall of reform-minded Nikita Khrushchev, who first denounced Stalin, is an object lesson. Last November Gorbachev felt obliged to fire Moscow party chief Boris Yeltsin, a leading reformer who is highly popular with Muscovites, after Yeltsin attacked the slowness of *perestroika* in a Kremlin speech that still is kept secret. Although he later was given another, lesser post, Yeltsin's abject public apology for overstepping party boundaries served as a chilling reminder that "Big Brother" still keeps watch. Significantly, the KGB remains omnipotent and untouched by Gorbachev's reforms.

**T**HE fates of *glasnost* and *perestroika*—and perhaps that of Gorbachev himself—may well depend not only on the restive Soviet people and their sullen empire, but also on whether the smooth-talking Kremlin leader can once again persuade the West to bail out the faltering Soviet economy without major Soviet concessions to world peace and freedom.

In a post-summit interview with four American journalists, President Reagan gave Gorbachev the benefit of the doubt. "In the past," Reagan said, "Soviet leaders have openly expressed their acceptance of the Marxian theory of the one-world communist state, that their obligation was to make the whole world communist. I no longer feel that way."

However, just five weeks earlier, in an address to the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee on the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, Gorbachev delivered this ringing—and ominous—affirmation: "In October 1917 we parted with the old world, rejecting it once and for all. We are moving toward a new world, the world of communism. We shall never turn off that road."

The questions persist. Can peace and freedom evolve in a system that denies real peace and forbids genuine freedom? Should the West help strengthen and perpetuate an adversary sworn to create and command "a new world, the world of communism"? ☐

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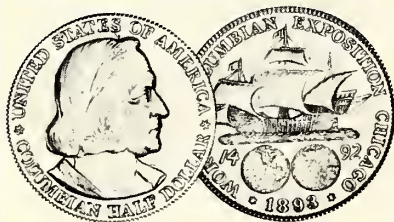
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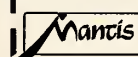
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## NEWS BRIEFS

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rally as a representative of Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer. Several days before, Comer had traveled throughout the state and encouraged Legionnaires to attend the rally.

"It was a great achievement—a genuine show of unity, of solidarity between veterans' groups," Ricker said. "I was especially proud to look out into that sea of veterans and see many, many Legionnaires." Several buses were chartered to transport veterans to the rally. Many of those who attended carried signs denouncing the transfer of the homes.

Lawmakers apparently got the veterans' message. Perpich, who also is a Legionnaire, said that he would seek legislation to return the homes to the DVA. He also announced that he would establish a board of directors to oversee the management of the homes under DVA control, and that the Legion, VFW and other congressionally chartered veterans' groups would be represented on the panel.



**STRENGTH IN NUMBERS**—Angry veterans converge on the Minnesota state capitol to oppose a threat that could equate veterans' benefits with handouts.

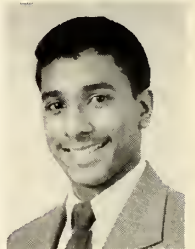
AS THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE went to press, legislation still had not cleared the Minnesota legislature.

"We're encouraged and reasonably certain that the legislation will be adopted," Ricker said. "But there are some legislators who are opposed to it. Some don't believe that veterans deserve the benefits that they receive."

Meanwhile, a transitional board appointed by Perpich will oversee operations of the homes until a permanent panel is selected.

## Oratorical Winner Gets \$16,000 Prize

**D**ILIP Paliath, sponsored by Post 183 of Parkville, Md., won the 1988 American Legion High-School Oratorical Contest.



Paliath took the \$16,000 first-place scholarship prize at the contest finals, held in April in Denton, Texas. The Legion Department of Texas hosted the event.

Jennifer Dekker, sponsored by Calvin-Knuth Post 5 of Worthington, Minn., earned \$14,000 for second place. Third place and \$10,000 went to Timothy J. Chandler, sponsored by Post 122, Canby, Ore. Anne Margaret Joseph won the \$8,000 fourth-place prize. Joseph was sponsored by Post 177, Fairfax, Va.

In his winning speech, titled "No Fault But Our Own," Paliath warned Americans that "if we undervalue the good, ignore the bad and are blind to the ugly, we will witness the untimely and tragic death of our Constitution, and it will be no one's fault but our own."

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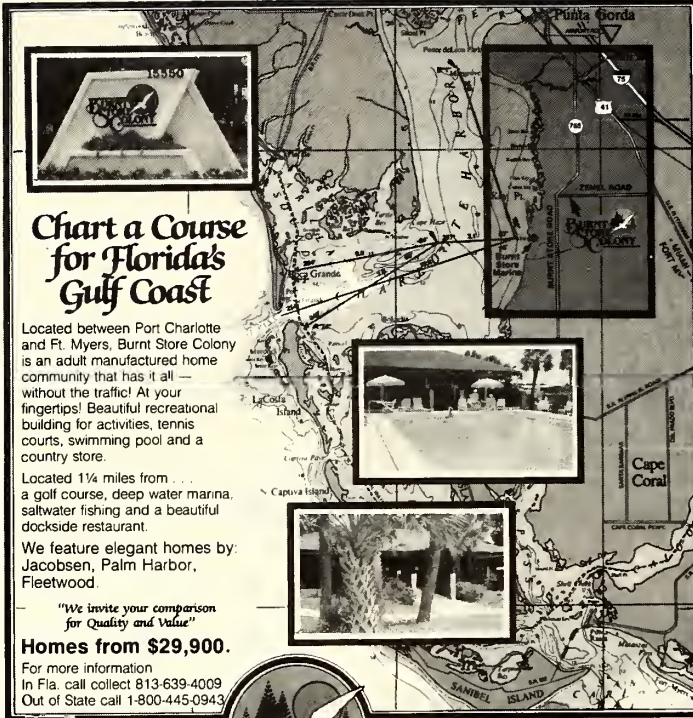
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# CHILD WELFARE

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criteria: Their programs must be for American children only, and they must use the grant to reach a large segment of the population in at least one state. Grants are for one year, although some programs have received extensions.

"Applications are screened very carefully," Grant said. "They must explain how the grant money will be used, and the nature and scope of the program for which it is intended. The foundation receives numerous applications each year, and the decisions of the board members are never easy."

There is no limit on the size or number of grants awarded. Last year the CWF awarded six grants totaling \$137,500; two years ago it awarded 10 grants totaling \$211,000.

The stiff competition for grants and the Legion's long-standing dedication to the welfare of America's youths are the driving forces behind the \$1 million "Foundation With a Future" campaign. Comer predicted that when the receipts are totaled, Legionnaires and Auxiliary members will have helped make the future better for millions of children.

"As I've noted before," Comer said, "children might not make up 100 percent of our population, but they certainly make up 100 percent of our future."

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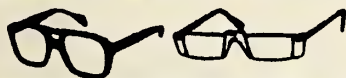
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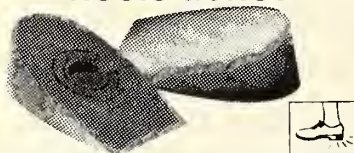
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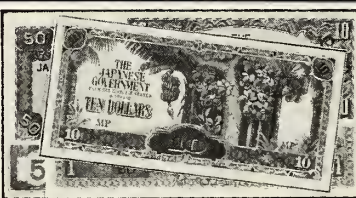
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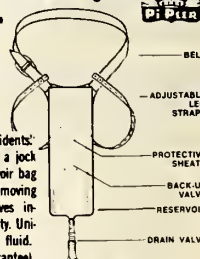
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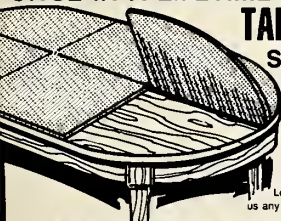
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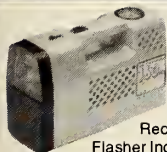
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—Lane Olinghouse

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—Frank Berry

## Family Feud

The teacher asked the boy, "If your father can do a job in an hour and your mother can do the same job in an hour, how long would it take them to do it together?"

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—Ray Warren

## Plastic Tactics

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—E.R. Wright

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—Art Johnson

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—Ed Nelson

## Future Conditional

Nostalgia is like a grammar lesson: You find the present tense and the past perfect.

—Eileen Moore

## Maybe Tomorrow

Did you hear about the man who decided to procrastinate? He never got around to it.

—Jim Gaffney

## Aging Process

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